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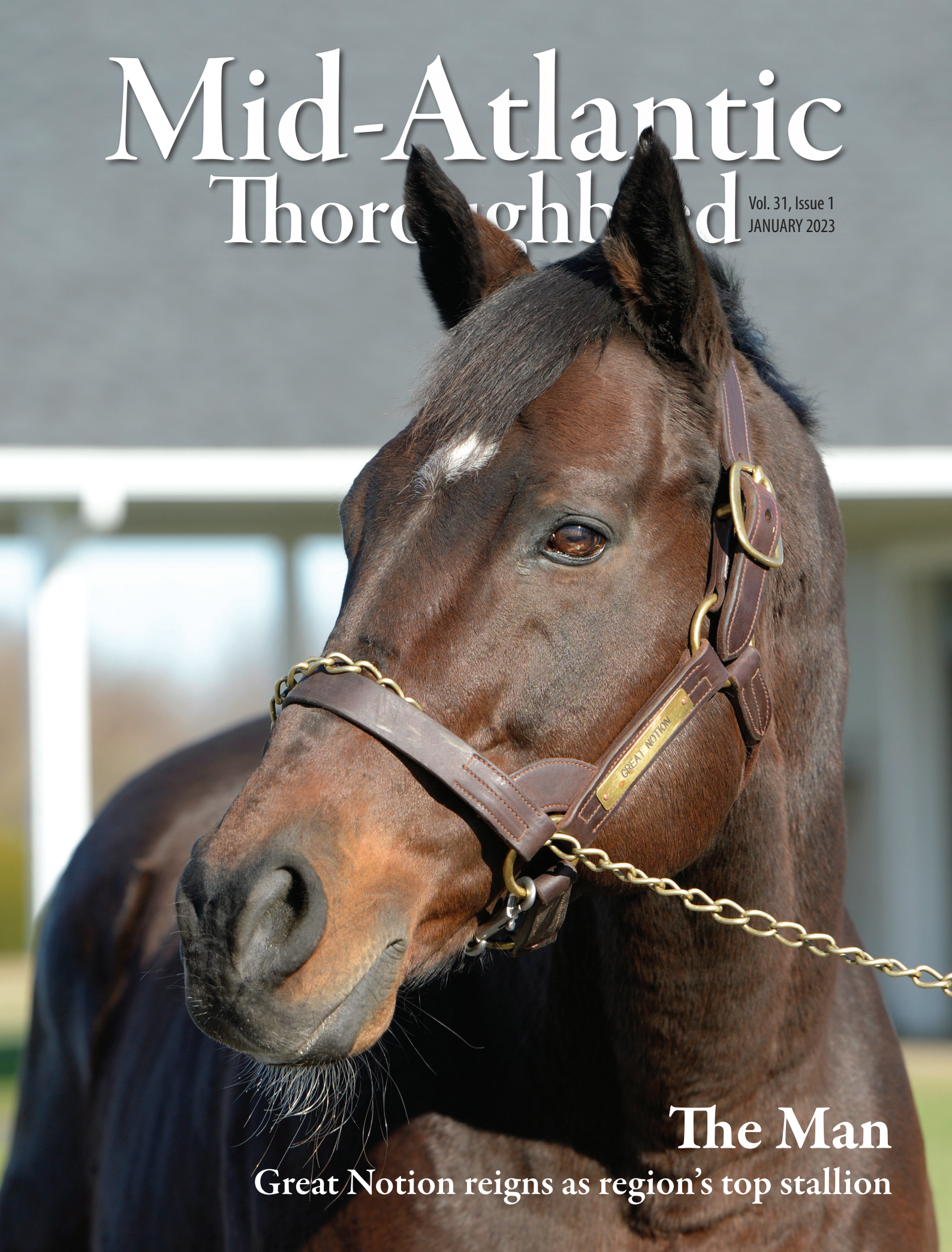

The Man

Great Notion reigns as region's top stallion

Why go to Kentucky?

Divining Rod

Classics-placed SW

His father is Flightline's sire **TAPIT**. His mother is **PRECIOUS KITTEN**, 3-time G1 winner and 3/4-sister to 3-time Leading Sire KITTEN'S JOY.

Leading Maryland 2nd crop sire by BTWs, winners and earnings

2023 Stud Fee: $4,000

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MIDLANTIC SALES DATES

Midlantic May Two-Year-Olds in Training
Entries close: February 6
May 22 - 23
(Under Tack Show: May 16 - 18)

Midlantic June Two-Year-Olds in Training
Entries close: May 1
June 28
(Under Tack Show: June 26)

Midlantic Fall Yearlings
Entries close: July 7
October 2 - 3

Midlantic December Mixed & Horses of Racing Age
Main catalogue entries close: September 15
H.O.R.A. supplement entries close: TBA
December 5

**Dates subject to change*

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— Features —

State of the stallions

It's January, so time to take a look at the regional stallion roster. Great Notion is still going strong, and gets joined by a handful of new names as Pennsylvania adds Brody's Cause and Maryland adds True Valour. By Joe Clancy. Page 22

Carol Lee Thompson

Maryland artist Carol Lee Thompson continues to build on a 37-year career of painting everything from Maryland foxhunters to western scenes. By Sandra McKee. Page 28

December Mixed Sale

High-dollar racehorses pace Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's annual mixed sale, with Radical Right bringing $260,000, as Kentucky-sired weanlings pace that side of the market. By Joe Clancy. Page 40

Trackside – Parx Racing

Erin Hlubik and her homebred Bourbon Bon Bay enjoy an undefeated run – and a stakes win – to start career. By John Piassek. Page 50

Trackside – Laurel Park

South Carolina-bred Swayin to and Fro defies the numbers, and some logic, to become a two-time stakes winner in 2022. By John Piassek. Page 56

Looking back at the steeplechase season

The Steeplechase Times

Twenty-two points of interest to the 2022 jump season as sport continues to rebound from Covid-shortened years. Pennsylvanian Leslie Young becomes third woman to win National Steeplechase Association training championship. By Sean Clancy and Paul Halloran. Page 60

On our cover: Don't call him old. Northview Stallion Station's Great Notion (the region's leading sire in 2022 – at age 22) turns the page and looks forward to another season in the breeding shed. *Photo by Lydia A. Williams*

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BOURBON COURAGE

Lion Heart–Shine Forth, by Carson City

THE ONLY MID-ATLANTIC SIRE WITH A G2 WINNER IN 2022

G2-winning, multiple G1-placed millionaire. 63% winners/starters & 11% stakes horses include G2 **DOUBLE CROWN** ($570,765), **FORTHELUVOFBOURBON** ($573,120), **RAGING WHISKEY** (G3-placed), 2YO sensation **MALIBU MOONSHINE**, plus six additional stakes-placed winners. $2,500 LFSN, BC & MM

FORTUNE TICKET

Candy Ride (Arg)–Quiet Giant, By Giant's Causeway

FULL BROTHER TO LEADING SIRE GUN RUNNER

Second-crop sire **GUN RUNNER** has nearly twice the earners of his closest competitor in the 2022 sophomore sire race. Horse of the year earned over $15.9 million. Two-time winner Fortune Ticket is from a solid sire-producing Ned Evans family. First foals arrive in 2023. $2,500 LFSN, BC & MM

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Street Boss–Holy Grace, by Holy Bull

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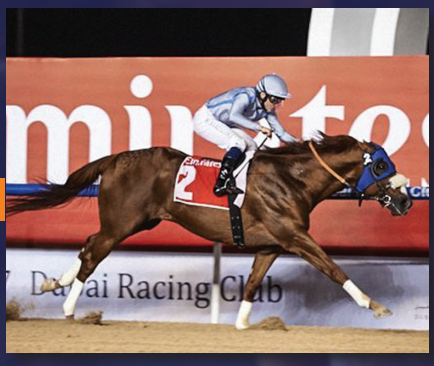

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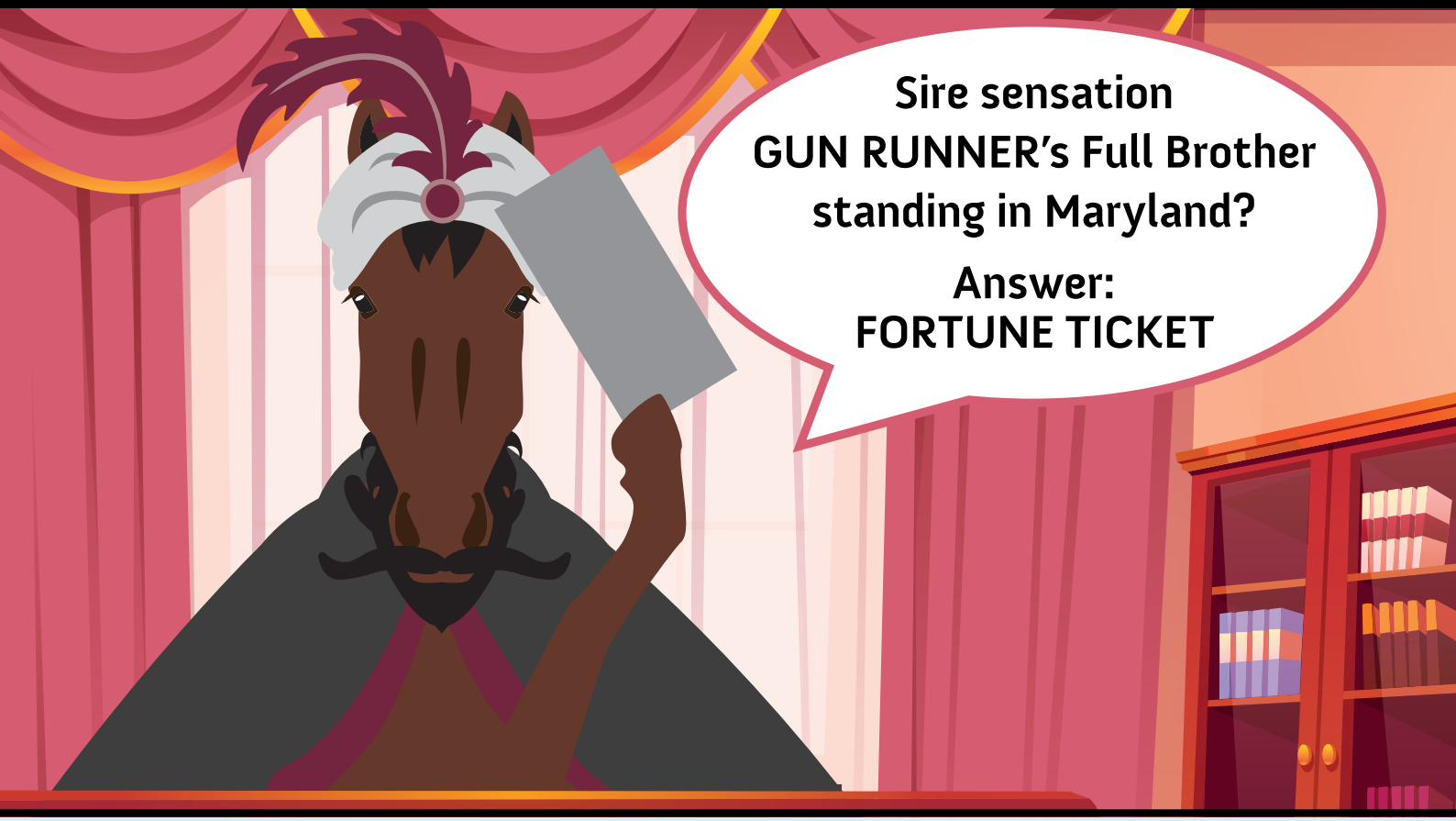

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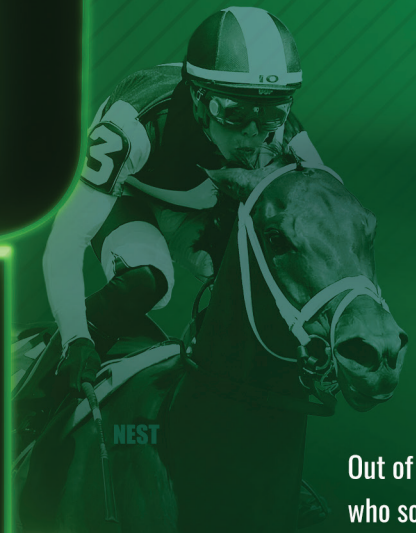

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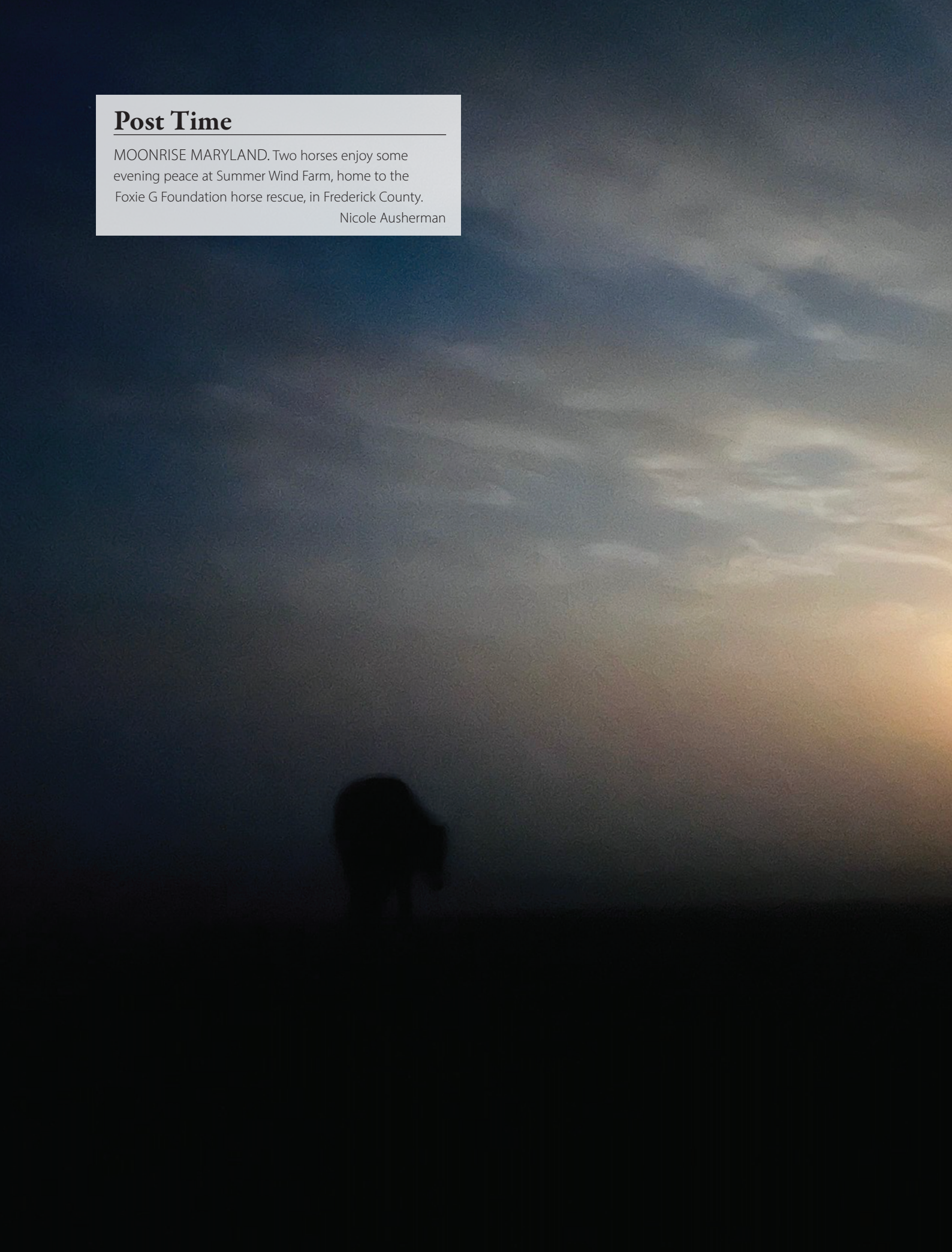

Post Time

MOONRISE MARYLAND. Two horses enjoy some evening peace at Summer Wind Farm, home to the Foxie G Foundation horse rescue, in Frederick County.

Nicole Ausherman

Say It Again

"Better than having one that's defeated."
Trainer Andy Simoff, on what it's like to have undefeated 2-year-old (now 3) Howgreatisnate in the barn

"Put your helmet on."
Fasig-Tipton Midlantic auctioneer Joe Mast, in response to hearing some kicks in the back ring as Hip 198 sold at the December sale

". . . on the interweb."
Mast, going all Urban Dictionary, when a horse was purchased by an internet bidder at Fasig-Tipton

"That's why we're going home."
Fasig-Tipton Midlantic buyer Tom Bowman, headed for the parking lot with his wife Chris, after being told there were still horses to buy; Bowman bought three

"You ought to call me more often."
Mike Pons, after winning two races with daughters of Country Life Farm stallion Mosler the day MAT's Joe Clancy called for an interview

Hats for Sale

In a semi-annual tradition, MAT surveyed the various hats worn by attendees at the December sale in Timonium, Md. We have no idea what it means, but people wore hats representing the Philadelphia Phillies, Brittany T. Russell Stable, Chicago White Sox, Washington Commanders, the Air Jordan Jumpman logo, Maryland Million, Wanamaker's, Northview Stallion Station, Fasig-Tipton, Brook Ledge Horse Transport, Under Armour, Pennsylvania Derby, Devon Horse Show, South Carolina Gamecocks, Authentic, New York Yankees, Purina, Delaware Park and the St. Louis Cardinals, plus a classic Indiana Jones model, an even more classic fedora.

Go Figure

98 Dollars Maryland Million Turf Sprint winner Sky's Not Falling paid for a $2 win wager when he won his next start, a Gulfstream Park turf allowance (going 1⅛ miles), Dec. 4. Trained by Mike Trombetta, the son of Seville (Ger) collected his fifth win for owner/breeder Larry Johnson and R.D.M. Racing Stable.

450 Complimentary turkey dinners served to backstretch workers at Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course on Thanksgiving Day. The dinners were provided courtesy of the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, with thanks to the Paz family and the track kitchen staffs at both tracks.

Names of the Month

Ocean Air. A $40,000 buy by Larry Johnson at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's December sale, the now 6-year-old mare is by English Channel out of Refreshing (GB).

Oh Mrs. Maisel. A winner at 3 at Laurel Park in November, the filly is by Practical Joke out of Oh Mrs. G and named for the hit Amazon Prime Video show *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* about a female comedian in the 1950s.

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Won:

His first race of 2022, trainer King T. Leatherbury, when Castilleja scored in the ninth race at Parx Racing Nov. 28. The victory gave the semi-retired Hall of Famer at least one win in 64 consecutive seasons as a trainer. Castilleja, now 6, captured the Pennsylvania-bred allowance for owner, co-breeder and lengthy Leatherbury client Norman Lewis. It was the 6,508th lifetime win for 89-year-old Leatherbury, whose career began with 10 wins in 1959.

Retired:

Multiple stakes winner Whereshetoldmetogo after 17 wins, 13 in stakes, and $967,795 in earnings from 37 starts. Bred in Maryland by David Wade and campaigned by Madaket Stables, Ten Strike Racing, Michael Kisber and BTR Racing, Inc., the 7-year-old El Padrino gelding was scratched as the program favorite for Laurel's $75,000 Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial Nov. 25. Whereshetoldmetogo, out of the Domestic Dispute mare Undisputed Legend, was purchased for $7,000 as a yearling by Mark Esposito's Black Cloud Racing Stable and won his debut in a June 2017 maiden claimer at Delaware Park for trainer Anthony Pecoraro. By the time he joined Russell's barn, the chestnut had won seven of 20 starts, including the 2018 Concern and Star de Naskra at Laurel. That same summer, he ran second by a neck to Firenze Fire in the Gallant Bob-G2 at Parx. Whereshetoldmetogo finished fourth in the 2020 Polynesian at Laurel in his first race for Russell, with whom he would race 17 times with 10 wins, and earn $572,504 in purses. Seven of Whereshetoldmetogo's stakes wins came at Laurel, including the 2020 Frank Whiteley and Dave's Friend, 2021 Not For Love and Bender Memorial, and 2022 Not For Love. He also won the 2017 First State Dash at Delaware, 2018 American Fabius at Gulfstream Park, and Delaware's Alapocas Run and New Castle in 2021 and 2022. He finished second in a Delaware allowance Oct. 29 in his final start, which snapped a four-race win streak. Russell said Whereshetoldmetogo will join Dr. Allison Marshall, an equine chiropractor based in Mechanicsville, Va., and begin working toward his second career. "Just having him in the shedrow, it's going to be sad to see him gone," Russell said. "The ultimate goal was always to see this horse retired healthy and have a great life. He's earned a lot of money, he's done a lot of racing. He's awesome. He's like, 'Whenever you want me to do something, let me know.' He'll just have a little bit of time off and really they can just rock on and get him training in what he's going to be doing now. He wants a job."

Whereshetoldmetogo retires with earnings just short of $1 million.

Announced:

The creation of a second 2-year-old sale for 2023 at Timonium, Md., Fasig-Tipton Midlantic. Scheduled for June 28, the sale will take some pressure off the crowded May sale at Timonium, while creating another venue for buyers and sellers of racing prospects. Fasig-Tipton's Paget Bennett said the May sale's popularity has forced the sales company to turn away entries in recent years, despite adding stalls in tents and otherwise filling the Timonium stable area to capacity. "We turn horses away because we're trying to make it the best we can," said Bennett of the May sale, which sent nearly 500 horses through the ring in 2022. "The people who buy horses from our yearling sale, they support us, and we set a limit to what makes it into the May sale and we're not saying they're not going to

CROSS TRAFFIC

His best-bred crop *jammed* up the winner's circle with black type 2yos in 2022.

Leading Sires by 2YO Winners

1. Sharp Azteca	31
2. CROSS TRAFFIC	**30**
3. Into Mischief	29

Leading Sires by Black Type 2YOs

1. Bolt d'Oro	14
2. CROSS TRAFFIC	**12**
3. Justify	10

Source: TDN Dec. 12

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The paddock at Timonium will see a second Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale next June.

run and be good racehorses but unfortunately those are the ones that get pushed aside sometimes. By having the June sale, it opens the door for them to have a spot." Bennett estimated that "hundreds" of horses are turned away from the May sale. Fasig-Tipton will not designate the May sale as a select sale, but the June sale offers a place for horses who need more time or otherwise don't fit. "The May sale has just become very popular," Bennett said. In mid-December, Fasig-Tipton's website listed entry deadlines of Feb. 6 for the May sale and May 1 for the June sale.

Approved:

A 27-day live racing schedule at Colonial Downs in 2023, the Virginia Racing Commission at its December meeting. Starting July 13 and running through Sept. 9, the New Kent track will conduct live racing Thursday, Friday and Saturday with a post time of 1:30 p.m. each day in the first season under the ownership of Churchill Downs Inc. The schedule is a change from the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday lineup used in 2022. The $300,000 Virginia Derby will be run Sept. 9 with other details – such as a request to move major stakes previously run at Arlington Park (Arlington Million-G1, Beverly D-G1 and Secretariat-G2) – to be announced. "CDI is proud to enter Virginia with an expanded race offering that will allow for more Virginians to attend and enjoy live racing," said Jack Sours, VP of Gaming Operations for CDI, in a statement. "Since our acquisition of Colonial Downs, we have remained steadfast in our goal to bring top quality racing and entertainment to New Kent with a product that will attract the best horses, trainers and jockeys and by increasing the flow of purse revenue from historical racing." In another Colonial Downs development, Jill Byrne will not return as the vice president of racing operations.

Changed:

The status of several stakes in the Mid-Atlantic for 2023, the American Graded Stakes Committee of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, in the annual review of stakes in North America. Two regional races were upgraded to listed status, both at Monmouth Park – the Sapling for 2-year-olds and Mr. Prospector for older horses. Downgrades included Pimlico's Dinner Party to Grade 3 (from Grade 2) and Allaire duPont Distaff to listed (from Grade 3), Parx Racing's Dr. James Penny Memorial to listed (from Grade 3), Delaware Park's Kent to listed (from Grade 3), Laurel Park's Stormy Blues, Pimlico's The Very One and Presque Isle Downs' Karl Boyes to non-listed.

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OUTFLANKER

Danzig–Lassie's Lady

MARYLAND'S 2ND LEADING ACTIVE SIRE BY LIFETIME EARNINGS

Broodmare sire of **2021 Horse of the Year KNICKS GO.** Sire of TWO champions, 54 stakes horses with AE/starter of $67,828. By sire of sires **DANZIG**, from the great sire-producing family of champions **A.P. INDY, LEMON DROP KID, RULER OF THE WORLD, DUKE OF MARMALADE (IRE), WOLFHOUND,** etc. **Private;** MM nominated

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— The Starting Gate —

THE RACING BIZ

The Independent Voice for Mid-Atlantic Racing and Breeding

Shift in days could bring challenges at Colonial: Its new owners are bullish about moving Colonial Downs to a Thursday-Saturday schedule, but they acknowledge the challenges ahead. Nick Hahn reports.

Byrne leaving Colonial after "exhausting, rewarding" tenure: Jill Byrne, Vice-President of Racing Operations since 2019, has stepped down from the track, reports Hahn.

Trainer and analyst Joseph "J.J." Graci passes: A longtime trainer who also carved out a media presence, including as Delaware Park paddock host, passed away in December reports Frank Vespe.

A Capuano hat trick: In a career with more than 3,600 wins, trainer Dale Capuano told Vespe it was a first after his runners, including Alwaysinahurry, won three consecutive races at Laurel.

Two days in November: Former longtime racetracker Lauren Heathcote Amberman – and her camera – spent two days in November at the Breeders' Cup. Check out what she saw.

Bocachica back in the saddle: Four years after hanging up his tack, jockey Orlando Bocachica is back in action at Charles Town – the same track where younger brother Arnaldo rides. Ted Black gets the story.

Backtracks – Fort Marcy's trip from reject to record-setter: Fort Marcy went on to become the first turfer to win Horse of the Year – after owner-breeder Paul Mellon tried to sell him, writes Jennifer Kelly.

— Mid-Atlantic-bred Stakes Winners —

November 6 – December 4

Maryland-bred

ALWAYSINAHURRY, b.g., 2018, Great Notion—Otherwise Perfect, by Lemon Drop Kid. B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Quin Bowman & Rebecca Davis; O-Mopo Racing; T-Dale Capuano. $75,000 Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial S, Laurel, Nov. 25.

BOURBON BON BAY, b.m., 2017, Bourbon Courage—Sheza Dish, by Majestic Warrior. B/O-Erin Hlubik; T-Ramon Martin. $75,000 Cornucopia S, Parx, Nov. 23.

FILLE D'ESPRIT, b.m., 2016, Great Notion—Sweet Valor, by No Armistice. B-Sweet Spirits Stables; O-C J I Phoenix Group & No Guts No Glory Farm; T-John J. Robb. $75,000 Politely S, Laurel, Nov. 25.

LA CASTIGLIONE, b.m., 2018, Uncle Lino—Perverse, by Distorted Humor. B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman & Rebecca Davis; O-Jeff Jacobs; T-Juan Q. Gutierrez. $60,000 Glendale S, Turf Paradise, Nov. 26.

MALIBU MOONSHINE, ch.f., 2020, Bourbon Courage—Sunday in Malibu, by Malibu Moon. B-Dr. Ronald Harris Parker; O-Happy Face Racing Stable; T-Charlton Baker. $100,000 Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S, Laurel, Dec. 3.

POST TIME, gr./ro.c., 2020, Frosted—Vielsalm, by Fairbanks. B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman & Milton P. Higgins III; O-Hillwood Stable; T-Brittany T. Russell. $100,000 Maryland Juvenile Championship S, Laurel, Dec. 3.

New Jersey-bred

GIRL TROUBLE, b.f., 2020, Fast Anna—Adorabella, by Ghostzapper. B-Gregory J. Kilka & Bright View Farm; O-Swilcan Stable & LC Racing; T-Robert Reid Jr. $75,000 Future Stars Filly Division S, Parx, Nov. 29.

Pennsylvania-bred

DISCO EBO, b.f., 2019, Weigelia—Katarica Disco, by Disco Rico. B-St. Omers Farm; O-Cash is King & LC Racing; T-Robert Reid Jr. $100,000 Youngstown Oaks, Mahoning Valley, Nov. 21.

FLOR DE SOMBRA, gr./ro.f., 2020, Social Inclusion—On a Star, by Talent Search. B/O-Joe Imbesi; T-Guadalupe Preciado. $200,000 Shamrock Rose S, Penn National, Nov. 25.

WINNING TIME, ch.c., 2020, Winchill—Merry's Pegasus, by Fusaichi Pegasus. B/O-Pewter Stable; T-Kate DeMasi. $200,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S, Parx, Nov. 29.

South Carolina-bred

SWAYIN TO AND FRO, dk.b./br.f., 2019, Straight Talking—Jungle Lady, by Warrior's Reward. B-Franklin Smith Sr.; O-Baxter Racing Stable; T-Mario Serey Jr. $100,000 Safely Kept S, Laurel, Nov. 26.

Virginia-bred

REPO ROCKS, dk.b./br.g., 2018, Tapiture—Hawaiian Love, by Not For Love. B-Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin III; O-Double B Racing Stables; T-Jamie Ness. $75,000 Let's Give Thanks S, Parx, Nov. 23.

West Virginia-bred

MUAD'DIB, gr./ro.g., 2017, Fiber Sonde—Holy Pow Wow, by Indian Charlie. B-John McKee; O-David Raim; T-Jeff Runco. $75,000 Randy Funkhouser Memorial S, Charles Town, Nov. 12.

NO LOVE FOR JUBA, dk.b./br.g., 2020, Juba—Not Even for Love, by Not For Love. B/O-Taylor Mountain Farm; T-James W. Casey. $75,000 West Virginia Futurity, Charles Town, Nov. 19.

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— Next Chapters —

BY MAGGIE KIMMITT

Lochte

Lydia A. Williams

It's a long way from the glamour of Saratoga's select yearling sale and the glitz of the Gulfstream Park winner's circle to the bucolic Mt. Carmel Hounds hunt field in Baltimore County, Md. Call it the road less traveled. But that's exactly the path multiple graded stakes winner Lochte took en route to his forever home with veterinarian Dr. Trevor Wells.

Foaled March 7, 2010, in Kentucky, the dark bay gelding is by Medaglia d'Oro out of the stakes-winning Lemon Drop Kid mare Lemon Kiss. Bred by Maura Gittins, he was purchased for $475,000 by Anthony Stroud from Fasig-Tipton's high-end yearling sale in August 2011. Unraced at 2, he made his first five starts in maiden special weights for Darley Stable and trainer Kiaran McLaughlin in 2013.

Back at Saratoga that October for Fasig-Tipton's fall mixed sale, Lochte joined Carolyn Vogel's Crossed Sabres Farm for $60,000. Vogel sent Lochte to the Gulfstream Park barn of trainer Marcus Vitali, and the 3-year-old made his first start for the new connections Nov. 10, 2013. He broke his maiden a month later and won an optional allowance Jan. 24, 2014.

The next move was ambitious, but it paid off. Entered in the Gulfstream Park Turf Handicap-G1, Lochte won, rewarding backers with $80.60 for a $2 win bet. Lochte followed that splashy display with a second in the Kilroe Mile-G1 at Santa Anita and a third in the Makers 46 Mile-G1 at Keeneland.

As a 4-year-old in 2015, he won the Tampa Bay Stakes-G3 in January and then strung together three consecutive stakes wins at Gulfstream in the fall: the Mr. Steele, Spider John and Tropical Turf Handicap-G3. Lochte ran 13 times that year with five wins, a second and a third. He ran only twice in 2016, finishing fourth in two stakes.

Three years later, Lochte again carried the lime green, black and white silks of Crossed Sabres Farm, but this time for Hall of Fame steeplechase trainer Jonathan Sheppard. His first start over jumps, May 4, 2019, at the Virginia Gold Cup, resulted in a fourth. In September, he was fifth at Colonial Downs. Three weeks later at Shawan Downs, Lochte "showed speed for one circuit, tired, pulled up and walked off."

Point made. The 9-year-old retired – permanently – with a record of 37-9-5-6 and $772,080.

Vogel left him with Sheppard to be rehomed. Trainer Suzanne Stettinius was the first stop, but Lochte was too small to make a foxhunter for her father. She sent him to Wells, "and they fell in love."

Wells, who whips for the Mt. Carmel Hounds, had recently lost his beloved hunter, Roy, in an accident as the field hacked home after one of the last days of the 2019-20 season.

"Everyone banded together to find me a horse," Wells said. "It was terrible when I lost Roy, really terrible. It was the end of the hunt; we were going home. We were crossing a stream behind a few other horses. The water had gotten murky, and he just stepped right into it. There was a 2-foot-deep hole, big enough for a foot to go through and that was it. If you were 10 inches to the right, you were solid. But he must have just stepped to the left, and he went right into this hole. It cut his hind leg and all his tendons.

"Two days later I got up the courage to go back and look at it, and I found this stupid rock and dug it out. It was a big slate rock that had developed this really sharp point."

Stettinius felt sure Lochte and Wells would suit one another and she was right.

Wells, a companion animal veterinarian, grew up in Sykesville, Md., and hunted with his parents with the Howard County and Carrollton Hounds. He played polo in high school with Maryland Polo Club and was a three-time All-American at Cornell University, twice named the Polo Training Foundation's Player of the Year.

"I'm the first whip with Mt. Carmel," Wells said. "I've been doing this for 17 years. That's one of the reasons I'm trying to teach Lochte a little bit."

Roy left formidable shoes to fill, but Lochte (Wells calls him "Ryan" after his namesake, Olympic swimmer Ryan Lochte) is stepping up in his education.

What must a good staff horse be?

"Bold and independent," Wells answered without hesitation. "There are some horses who pick it up and like it and some who really can't wrap their heads around it. You have the commotion of the hounds hunting and the whips and all that, and then you have the group. Horses running around following each other, whereas in racing, they're trying to lead, not follow. You have some horses who are really bonded to the group, or some who get really nervous in the group."

> "You're not going to break his spirit or his heart. He's one of those horses you kind of have to meet in the middle. He's still a competitor."
>
> *– Dr. Trevor Wells, about Lochte*

Wells recalled taking Lochte to a joint meeting with the Wicomico Hunt Club last year, and they rode in the field. The Grade 1 winner wasn't at all into the "hang back with the pack" agenda.

"I think my arms were 2 inches longer by the end of that day," Wells said. "All he wanted to do was be out front."

Now in his third season, Lochte has settled into the routine and enjoys the job.

"I'm just trying to teach him how to conserve himself, and they do learn it," Wells said. "Because when you whip and you go out for four or five hours, you have to teach them to put their head down, learn how to put their feet through the woods on their own. Sometimes I have to make my own trail. He is learning that. It's usually the third season when the light bulb goes on. Now after a half-hour, I can ride him around on the buckle. I teach them how to neck rein, because I've got so much else going on with the radio, the phone and the whip. And because I played polo, I used to ride with one hand anyway. And he loves it."

Wells hunts Lochte once a week, and the off-season is spent turned out and completely let down for a break.

While "a clown" at home – Lochte lives for peppermints and will playfully clack his teeth or grab a sleeve while being tacked or blanketed ("I think he'd get really embarrassed if he actually grabbed or nipped you."), he's all business under saddle.

"You're not going to break his spirit or his heart," Wells said. "He's one of those horses you kind of have to meet in the middle. He's still a competitor." ■

— From the editor —

A new look for a good read

Notice anything different about this magazine? Hopefully you did already and if you didn't, keep turning pages. There's a fresh look, largely steered by director of publications Barrie Reightler and her design skills, that hopefully makes *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* better.

The aim is to make readers feel welcome, so welcome.

The redesign starts with new fonts (typefaces, the actual letters you see), spacing and presentation, but will evolve to content items too. These days, print publications face continuous pressure on their space. Every page in this magazine costs something to produce – ink, paper, a writer, an editor, a photographer, a designer, computer software, postage and so on. Magazines and newspapers can't simply go on the way they always have, not when people get news and information from so many sources.

Chances are, if you care, you already know the results of every racing-oriented story in this magazine. Hopefully, you want to know more than the results, however, and that's where we come in. You can read about breeder Goree Smith's deep roots in South Carolina that produced recent stakes winner Swayin to and Fro. Another regional stakes winner, Bourbon Bon Bay, didn't make her debut until late last year as a 4-year-old. Now, she's an undefeated stakes winner for owner/breeder Erin Hlubik.

You probably already know the outcome of the National Steeplechase Association's 2022 season – how Leslie Young made a little history as champion trainer among a myriad of stories racing off in all directions. But did you know she played college field hockey and lacrosse at Lynchburg? We put a wrapper on the full season with 22 points of interest that hopefully make you stop and think, or at least read.

Beyond racing, writer Sandra McKee spent some time with Maryland sporting artist Carol Lee Thompson and her paintings of horses, hounds, (and cowboys too) and more during a 37-year career as a professional artist. You might notice something of a theme, and we're trying to at least semi-regularly dive into the region's rich connection to sporting art.

Hopefully, you stopped at the front pages of this magazine. Mid-Atlantic Report used to be a collection of press releases and other news items that didn't necessarily warrant full articles in a monthly magazine. Then the section shifted to include some lighter items – Names of the Month (send suggestions), numbers, quotes, whatever else we can gather – as an easy window into the magazine. We aim to expand the section, to open the window a little more. Climb on through.

The same goes for the Post Time two-page photo up front and the one-page Past Time in the back. Stop and look, appreciate, feel the photo's location for a second – without once looking at your phone or wondering if somebody tagged you in a Facebook post.

Somewhere back there, Rick Abbott is writing about January on a Thoroughbred farm. It's work, it's always work. Like those photo features, take a moment and read. He knows of what he writes.

I wrote a few thousand words about the region's stallions. I could have written a few thousand more, but the start of breeding season always makes me think about what an inexact science breeding and raising Thoroughbreds is. The variables would choke an Apple M1 Ultra computer chip. That thing has 16 performance cores, four efficiency cores, 64 GPU cores, 32 neural engine cores and 114 billion transistors. I have no idea what that means, but I wouldn't bet against the horses. All the cores in the world couldn't reliably solve the riddle of Thoroughbred excellence. The stallions are holding their own in tough times. The national foal crop continues to shrink while the books of leading stallions in Kentucky continue to grow. Regional horses get squeezed.

Breeders, farms, stallion owners and the various state organizations try to maximize returns, but it's a long play. A new stallion for 2022 can't really be deemed a success or failure until the end of the 2026 racing season (when his first two crops have had a chance to race) and even that might be early. The region should try anything and everything to incentivize stallion businesses – increase purses for state-sired races (the Maryland Million needs an s, for example), improve bonus structures for stallion owners, get creative when it comes to the sales (how about a stakes restricted to Timonium graduates by regional stallions?), look at what New York is doing with $500,000 races for 2-year-olds.

But back to the magazine. You'll see more changes as 2023 progresses. Have a look and send us your feedback. At the root of everything – races, farms, bets, jobs and yes even magazines – in this industry stands one of the noblest creatures on the planet. The Thoroughbred counts on us to do our best, and our jobs are never finished.

Happy new year, and thanks for reading. See you at the races. ■

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The Long Game

REGIONAL STALLIONS WORK TO FIND PATHS TO SUCCESS

By Joe Clancy

Before he added to the stallion roster at Equistar Training and Breeding in Pennsylvania, Rodney Eckenrode researched pedigrees, studied conformation, weighed his options, did some math, went to Kentucky – and then got practical.

"If we're going to work this hard, we should have a chance to do something ourselves," he said. "We've been looking to do something on our own, to start the stallion awards coming. It was hard to find one we liked and could afford."

But Eckenrode and his wife Sharon found that blend in Brody's Cause, who stood his first six seasons at Spendthrift Farm in Kentucky. The 10-year-old sire's record includes daughter Kalypso, a Grade 1 winner from his first crop, Grade 3 juvenile winner Sittin On Go, and stakes winner Enbarr among 71 lifetime winners through Dec. 15.

Eckenrode liked those details and others – including a big crop of 2-year-olds coming in 2023 – but might be as impressed at the horse's attitude to life in Annville alongside 22-year-old stallion Smarty Jones.

"He's full of class, he's going to fit our program well," Eckenrode said. "You turn him out, he's great. You go to the gate to bring him, you call him, he comes to you. It sounds like a small thing, but it's important. I love that. A good-minded horse will produce a horse that's more trainable or better-minded too, and that matters."

A few hours down the road at Country Life Farm in Maryland, Mike Pons also points to personality as an important part of a stallion's make-up.

"Friesan Fire is still the dominant personality here," Pons said about one-third of the Country Life team with Divining Rod and Mosler. "He's turning 17, but he was the 2009 [Kentucky] Derby favorite and he knows it. My son Philip is renovating my uncle John's old house on the farm and we were out in front of the house at 6:30 or 7 one morning and I hear this boom, boom, boom, boom, boom. Friesan Fire is mad that he's not getting out and we're standing there talking.

"But where does the genetic strength come from? There's a wild dynamic out there that fortunately we haven't 100 percent figured out. Fire in the belly has to come along when you're deep in the stretch, right?"

Right. And that's the magic breeders are hoping to unlock as they make stallion choices in the region and beyond. They could do worse than the region's dean of stallions, Great Notion. Now 23, he'll breed 35 (ish) mares again this year at Maryland's Northview Stallion Station after snatching the 2022 regional stud crown with progeny earnings of $4.4 million through Dec. 16.

"He's a gentleman, the best horse," said Northview's Paul O'Loughlin. "Thirty-five is a good number for him. He might get one or two more, but it's about his health and we've got to mind him, take care of him. He's taken care of us. There could be 35 more and probably 35 more after that. He gets winners everywhere, he's got new horses coming along all the time."

A foal of 2000, Great Notion has at least eight years on the other nine stallions at Northview. Call him a role model.

"I'm sure they talk, there has to be some conversation in the barn," said O'Loughlin, with the hint of a wink. "He'd have something to say to the young guys."

And they better listen. Powered by now 7-year-old Fille d'Esprit's $414,055 (and potentially more with a Dec. 26 stakes entry), Great Notion led the region in progeny earnings in 2022 and held the top spot by stakes winners while sitting

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Rodney and Sharon Eckenrode bought Brody's Cause and moved him from Kentucky to Equistar for this breeding season.

third among sires of 2-year-olds (behind far younger stallions Blofeld and Hoppertunity) and 3-year-olds (behind Divining Rod and Uncle Lino).

The veteran's continued success only further emphasizes the long game played by stud farms and stallion owners. You better have patience. Mares bred in 2022 will foal in 2023. Those foals won't run until 2025, at the earliest. New stallions get attention early, then can struggle for mares. Farms do what they can, trying to keep numbers high (the first three crops really matter) as young horses get to the sales and – finally – the racetrack. All the while, stallions compete for mares with other horses in the region and beyond.

"There's no formula for this," said Pons. "It depends on the horse. It's tough."

A Few New Names

Racing for Albaugh Family Stables and trainer Dale Romans, Brody's Cause won twice as a juvenile in 2015 including Keeneland's Breeders' Futurity-G1 and finished third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1. At 3, he won Keeneland's Blue Grass-G1, finished seventh in the Kentucky Derby-G1 and sixth in the Belmont-G1 before being retired.

The son of Giant's Causeway joined the ranks at Spendthrift and his first foals were born in 2018. Success came with two graded winners in his first crop, and a book of 147 mares in 2021. Eckenrode pointed to pedigree and potential for helping make the purchase a reality. Brody's Cause's sire is out of a Rahy mare, and dam Sweet Breanna is by Sahm.

"I've always liked the Giant's Causeways and the durability that comes with them," he said. "I've been a Rahy fan too and you throw a Sahm daughter and that goes right to Mr. Prospector and it's even more exciting pedigree-wise. When you go down there, you look for a horse with a large crop in hopes of something hitting down the road. He bred a lot of mares [in 2021] – based on the Grade 1 filly Kalypso. It also worked out well for us that Spendthrift brings three, four or five new horses in every year. They can't keep them all."

Eckenrode likes the response from regional breeders so far, but will wait and see before predicting a book for his horse.

"Ask me in July," he said. "We'll see where it goes. We have a lot of contracts going out, but we'll see how many come back. We've heard from people we haven't dealt with before, which is a good thing."

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True Valour (Ire) joins the Northview roster for 2023.

Northview has long been the bar for area stallion farms, and even more so with the closure of its Pennsylvania division and consolidation in Maryland. Ten stallions fill two stud barns, as part of a business overhaul led by Mike Golden and Lisa Hofstetter after their father Richard Golden died in 2021. Improvements abound on the place, along with potential.

After adding Engage and Galawi (Ire) last year, Northview brings True Valour (Ire) to the team for 2023. The 9-year-old raced for parts of five seasons for Qatar Racing, first in Ireland (where he won a Group 3) with trainer Johnny Murtagh and later in California (where he won two graded stakes) with Simon Callaghan. In July 2020, regional owner Larry Johnson spent $225,000 on the son of Kodiac (GB) at Fasig-Tipton's July sale and sent him to trainer Graham Motion. True Valour won a Woodbine allowance, placed in a Grade 2 and finished sixth in the 2021 Al Quoz Sprint-G1 in Dubai before missing more than a year. He returned in April to win Laurel Park's King T. Leatherbury Stakes, finish third in the Jaipur-G1 at

Breaking Through

Nobody expects the regional stallion business to get back to its heyday of Northern Dancer and company at Windfields, but there is hope – always hope – of a breakthrough. Maryland's Not For Love was the "best stallion outside of Kentucky" for years. Allen's Prospect was in that discussion too. Malibu Moon started in Maryland, and became a star in Kentucky. Our Emblem was standing in Maryland when his son War Emblem won the 2002 Kentucky Derby-G1.

Stallions bred smaller books of mares then, and the foal crop was far larger, so breakthrough success seemed more realistic, more plausible, than today. But that doesn't mean people stop trying.

So what would it take for a regional stallion to reach national success?

> "It's getting increasingly more difficult, but if you somehow can get a horse with the goods – looks, pedigree, ability – that is easily recognizable . . . it can work."
>
> *Country Life Farm's Mike Pons*

Belmont and second by a head to Golden Pal (who will stand his first season for $30,000 at Kentucky's Ashford Stud this year) in the Troy-G3 at Saratoga.

"He settled in well, put on a lot of condition, he looks the part," said O'Loughlin. "He raced a lot, came back and was second, just beaten by Golden Pal. Golden Pal isn't coming to Maryland."

The addition gives Northview back-to-back European-style stallions, after Galawi, with turf form and pedigrees that don't necessarily show up in the Mid-Atlantic. Galawi is by star European stallion Dubawi (Ire) out of Group 1 winner Galikova (Fr), a half-sister to international turf star Goldikova (Ire). True Valour's sire Kodiac, by Danehill, is a leading sire of 2-year-olds (and general winners) in Europe whose son Best Solution won major races in England, Dubai, Germany and Australia.

"They're exciting," said O'Loughlin. "They're turf stallions which is a little different, or they look like turf stallions. People keep calling us up about the turf stallions and wondering if we know something about them getting an all-weather surface in Maryland or something. We don't, but who knows? If they do, it won't be for a few years and these guys will have horses. There is plenty of turf racing around."

Country Life didn't add a new stallion, though it wasn't for lack of trying. Pons looked at Gunite in May and was encouraged by the Grade 1-winning juvenile who had yet to run in 2022. Then Gunite went out and won four stakes, including a Grade 2, and placed in a Grade 1. He's still with Winchell Thoroughbreds and trainer Steve Asmussen, looking to build on a million-dollar bankroll.

"That's the kind of horse this market needs," said Pons. "He'd be a $10,000 horse. That's the one that breaks the barriers between Maryland and the other states, or the region and the other states."

West Virginia added a handful of stallions to its lineup, a pipeline for horses racing in the state.

Graded stakes winner Mr. Monomoy, a half-brother to champion Monomoy Girl by Palace Malice, moved to Pellinor Lane Farm after standing in New York (where he bred 17 mares in 2021 and seven in 2022). Beau Ridge Farm brings

> "One good one, one breakthrough horse will give them an opportunity to do something. Everybody's trying to do what they need to do. The breeders decide sometimes there's better value down in Kentucky. There are a zillion stallions there at the same price. At $10,000 or under, you'd be better off staying in the Mid-Atlantic with the [state incentive] programs."
>
> *Northview Stallion Station's Paul O'Loughlin*

> "For a horse to get success early you have to have 2-year-old runners. I'm not saying they have to start when the 2-year-old races start, but if you can get a couple starts out of your 2-year-olds early on people are going to be happy. Early action gets you some attention and then some high-class individuals that can go through the state-bred program to the open program and then outside the region is the icing on the cake. We're all looking for that."
>
> *Equistar Training and Breeding's Rodney Eckenrode*

in two newcomers – Candy Ride (Arg) 6-year-old Fugitive and Into Mischief 4-year-old Cancun. Fugitive won three times in the region and is a half-brother to stakes winner Far Sighted. Candy Ride's sons at stud include Gun Runner, Vekoma, Twirling Candy and Mastery. Cancun never raced, but brings a pedigree that includes sire Into Mischief and half-sister So Perfect (a Group 3 winner in Ireland). The bay colt cost $550,000 as a weanling and sold for $15,000 as a stallion prospect at Keeneland November.

Roster Depth

Much of the regional lineup will look familiar to breeders and, as usual, everybody – well, maybe not everybody (see Great Notion, Smarty Jones, Fiber Sonde, etc.) – has something to prove.

Young Maryland sires Divining Rod and Blofeld look to stretch their solid starts to third crops. They'll have to do it with 31 and 24 foals born in 2021, respectively. Divining Rod edged clear in the second-crop sire standings for 2022 with 40 winners to 28 for Blofeld, with Anchor and Hope Farm's Holy Boss sneaking in behind them with 21. Divining Rod's nearly $2.7 million led the earnings list (through Dec. 18).

"He had a very good start, a couple stakes horses, he bred 65 or so mares [in 2022] and had a nice book of mares," said Pons of Divining Rod. "I was hoping for 100, and then Blofeld took 20-some mares from him. I'm happy for the Murrays because he's really come on with his second crop too. Divining Rod is the leading 3-year-old sire in the Mid-Atlantic so you know those horses improved from 2 to 3 which is always a litmus test. I'm excited about him."

Murmur Farm's Blofeld (who bred 84 mares in 2022) swept both 2-year-old races at the Maryland Million and built his 2022 progeny earnings to more than $1.8 million despite just 36 runners from 49 foals. Holy Boss topped $1.4 million in earnings with 21 winners from 42 runners.

Like Divining Rod and Blofeld, Uncle Lino and Mosler were slugging it out among third-crop sires in 2022 with the former (at Northview) topping $3 million for the year and getting 50 winners. Mosler (at Country Life) was two back in the win category, and closing in on $2.9 million.

"He gets precocious horses," O'Loughlin said of Uncle Lino, a son of Uncle Mo whose next crop of 2-year-olds goes 39 deep. "He covered a lot of mares [in 2022] so he's got some good numbers coming behind him."

Mosler did his best running on the turf, and his son Wicked Prankster won the Maryland Million Turf in 2022, but also won three times on the dirt and has picked up a variety of wins.

"As more turf and [synthetic] opportunities come, that will be good for him because his babies like both, and they can run on the dirt too," said Pons. "That's why we brought him in – he looked like a horse who liked to run on turf, dirt, whatever."

Peace and Justice, now standing at Blackstone Farm, also made noise as a third-crop sire thanks to 28 winners from 50 starters in 2022. The son of War Front has produced eight-time winner Six o'Clock Sarah and seven-time winners Like a Saltshaker and Diesel, and was third behind Uncle Lino and Mosler on the region's third-crop sire list (horses who stood in the region in 2022) with far fewer foals.

"He's on his way," said Steve Young, whose A1A Racing owns the stallion. "He's not just a Pennsylvania sire either – he's had winners at 14 racetracks in 10 states – and we think his numbers will continue to improve as the horses mature."

Through Dec. 19, Peace and Justice's last 100 starters had won 24 races – all on dirt – and he added three more Dec. 20.

Young trained Peace and Justice's dam Strike the Sky and planned the stallion's mating for breeder Jay Bligh. The $425,000 yearling won three of eight starts and ran a mile on the turf at Santa Anita in 1:32.36. Young bought Peace and Justice after his racing career ended and stood him in Pennsylvania at Diamond B Farm and Northview PA. When Northview closed and consolidated in Maryland, he stayed in Pennsylvania and moved to Blackstone. He bred 207 mares in his first five seasons at stud – a high of 73 in 2018.

"He was an undervalued horse who had a lot more ability than he did luck when he was running and has the potential to throw a seriously good horse," Young said. "He hasn't been very lucky at stud either. He's been a few places now, but he has the genes and the looks to be a good stallion."

Maryland's Anchor and Hope Farm lost Imagining to colic, but watched Bourbon Courage become the region's only sire of a 2022 graded stakes winner when Double Crown won the Kelso-G2 at Aqueduct in October. Fortheluvofbourbon piled up seven wins in 2022, five stakes, while reaching $573,120 in career earnings. Two-year-old filly Malibu Moonshine won her first two (including a stakes) and eyed another stakes try Dec. 26.

Grade 1 winner Hoppertunity retired as the richest stallion to stand in the region, and had his first runners in 2022. Eight of them won, putting him in the top 20 among freshmen sires nationally and tops on a short list in the region. Stakes winner Midnight Parade led the way.

"He was an easy sell," said O'Loughlin. "He's a big strong horse, and he bred 300 mares in his first three years which will help him. He has a lot to back himself up and might be able to improve too."

Breed to sell? Or race?

It's a relative constant at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic and other Thoroughbred auctions. Regional stallions struggle to find success in the ring. At December's mixed sale, Kentucky sires dominated the weanling market and it's not that different at the fall yearling sale. Regional stallions make their reputations with people who breed to race.

"Everyone has to breed their best mares to Kentucky stallions because you take such a beating at the sales," said Pons. "Breeding to race is going to become more and more the fashion. You need those horses to get into the Maryland Million, the New York sire stakes, Pennsylvania's big stallion series, those kinds of things. They're trying in those states, but it's an uphill climb."

Sales prices are only part of the equation, and regionally-sired horses can certainly be in demand as racehorses – just check the list of claims – but that doesn't necessarily help the stallion market.

"The programs we have in the Mid-Atlantic states really help people stay in the business," said sales consignor Bill Reightler. "It's huge. People get rewarded for developing horses and breeding horses. There are useful, productive sires here but just because they're not Kentucky sires people mark them down and will only pay so much. I tell people all the time that if you land on a nice horse, come home with your A pick. You'll feel better, even if you have to pay a little more than you thought you might have to pay going in."

Some of the regional/Kentucky differences at the sales even out by the time horses get to be 2-year-olds – where buyers look for athletes first, pedigree second. A June sale next year could help provide more opportunities for horses by regional sires, especially those that prep in the Mid-Atlantic at farms such as Country Life's training facility Merryland Farm.

"That's a great idea," said Pons. "At Merryland, we're off the track for six weeks in January and February and I can't get a horse ready for the May sale. Perhaps I could for the June sale. Give me another few weeks and see what we can do. Those sales can be very popular. People don't care who the stallions are so much, they just want to see the horse. Some of the regional stallions could find a niche with that opportunity out there."

Stallion Notes

Former Kentucky stallion **Wicked Strong** led the region by winners (with 81) in 2022, and held the second spot by earnings, while building on his move to Pennsylvania for the 2021 season. His first Pennsylvania-sired foals will be yearlings this year. He bred 45 mares his first season and 31 his second . . . Equistar lost **Airoforce** and **Uncle Vinny,** who were moved to Texas by owners Jeff and Stacy Jeans . . . The West Virginia market continues to do its thing – supply horses who fit the state's racing structure. **Fiber Sonde** holds his earnings list lead with $2.8 million, fueled in large part by the $410,014 earned by Muad'dib. The 6-year-old's best race of 2022 wasn't even a win as he finished second to Art Collector in the Charles Town Classic-G2. **Juba**, who had 21 winners, found a spot among the state's leaders while building on a career that started in 2017. His daughter **Hessica** won the Cavada on Breeders Classics night, while **Juba's Notion** won the Vince Moscarelli Memorial on the same card. Another 2-year-old, **No Love for Juba**, won the West Virginia Futurity in November. Of his eight juvenile starters, four were stakes performers. . . Pennsylvania's WynOaks Farm puts **Weigelia**, **Warrior's Reward** and **Uptowncharlybrown** in the mix, with the former cracking the region's top 10 with nearly $2.5 million in earnings. At age 22, he stands for a private contract and won't breed a large book but that doesn't stop his chances at success. Son **Beren** won two more stakes (though Dec. 25) in 2022 and pushed his lifetime earnings to $697,960 while another son **Smooth B** ran his career earnings to $714,038. "He's been really good to us in every way," said Barbara Wheeler of WynOaks, who calls the stallion "Wiggy" and said it's more than a nickname. "It's an attitude too. He still prances around, and looks the same as he did on the track." **Warrior's Reward** sired seven black-type horses in 2022 including stakes-winning Stowe Angel and graded stakes-placed 3-year-old Fluid Situation. **Uptowncharlybrown**'s stakes performers in 2022 include winner Oxana and four juveniles. WynOaks also has relative newcomer **Command Post**, whose first foals are 2-year-olds of 2023. ■

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Anchor and Hope Farm's Bourbon Courage is the only sire in the region with a graded stakes winner in 2022.

Eyes on the Horse

MARYLANDER THOMPSON FINDS ART NICHE IN EQUINE SUBJECTS

By Sandra McKee

Sitting in a large upstairs room at Manor Mill in Monkton, Md., artist Carol Lee Thompson is surrounded by an exhibit of her paintings of Thoroughbreds.

Thoroughbreds grazing, caring for their foals, fox hunting.

You wouldn't think from looking at these country life paintings that Thompson was more than an excellent, talented East Coast equine artist.

But there is so much more hidden behind her smiling face and sparking brown eyes than what you could see at this exhibition on this beautiful autumn day.

Would anyone guess she is also a well-respected producer of Western art? That she is a rare woman artist – in any style or genre – who has supported herself for decades with her art? That she is viewed as a role model by her students?

Who would guess all that?

There are no cowboys here – well, there is one cowboy, hiding just around the stairwell. But boots or chaps, fringe? Nowhere to be seen. Even Thompson, who seems to better fit the mode of the Thoroughbred and fox hunting scene, views the paintings hanging in this old mill, and admits her popularity in the Western art scene is a bit of a surprise.

"It is kind of funny," admits the Baltimore native. "I know it is, but even at this show a couple people came in and said, 'Oh, I was coming to see some of your Indians.' And I just laughed. I said, 'I haven't seen any in Monkton.' "

No Native Americans here. But still, they are part of her equine art. Thompson acknowledges it to be an interesting accomplishment, and as she talks about her Western art and her Eastern art, her smile lights her entire face.

"I'm doing this – Thoroughbreds and horses in the East," she says, sweeping an arm toward the paintings, "But I actually have a big name in Western art. My biggest seller is a gallery, Going to the Sun, in Whitefish, Montana, of all things. So there's a little schizophrenic in there because, that's my personality.

"It's like, 'Yes, I love Monkton. I adore it. I love horses. This is what I do here,' but you know, there's a cowboy over there," and Thompson points to that area just behind the stairwell. "Don't be surprised if you see me doing the Rocky Mountains or you see me doing Indians."

She explains how her third-grade teacher insisted her parents send her to art classes and it was there her first art teacher exposed her to Western art, the horses, the people and the landscapes.

"It was instant love," she says. "At 12, I subscribed to *Arizona Highways* and I still muse over the mag to this day. I have every issue."

Her love for Thoroughbreds in the East and for the wild mustangs in the West have fused into her threefold, lifetime goal: to paint beautiful realistic paintings of these smart, complicated Thoroughbreds; to paint every wild band of horses in the West; and to paint scenes from every national park in the country. She seems well on her way to doing it.

Last May she went to a desolate area of northwest Colorado to watch the migration of "hundreds and hundreds" of horses to their summer pastures.

There was no way to watch and paint, so she took pictures. Now the photos, she says, "are gnawing at me."

Out of the Mist. Oil. 16x20.

Sunrise and sunset are my favorite light for paintings. I love atmosphere that creates emotion. Many hunts ago, I stood, camera ready, in an open field, mesmerized by the sunrise heating the morning mist. Suddenly, hunters began emerging from the vapors. The experience brought tears to my eyes. I knew one day, I would be able to do such a wonder justice! It took quite a while to feel "ready" to recreate this mood. The tonal subtleties and temperature changes were difficult, but it's a thrill to be able to honor such moments!

"One of my biggest goals is to give back to the horses, who have given so much to me," says the 64-year-old. "That'll take years of course to get around to all these places and document the horses and put [an art show] together."

A rare breed of artist

If it takes years, she won't mind the work. "I know a lot of artists who have burned out and they paint less and less. The older I get, the more I love it."

It is quite an accomplishment for a woman to have a big name in any kind of art. Actually, it is quite an accomplishment for anyone to make a living as an artist.

According to a 2019 story in *The Washington Post*, only 2 percent of art-school graduates make a living from their artwork. But Thompson has been doing just that for nearly four decades.

She has been recognized for her skill with many awards, including first place with Oil Painters of America. She has won seven major awards with the American Academy of Equine Art, of which she has been a member for two decades. And she is proud to have been elevated to Signature status by five top art organizations – an achievement she happily identifies as "Rare."

Most recently the Women Artists of the West awarded her work Best of Show at the 52nd annual exhibit in Annapolis.

Her art hangs in private collections and in museums around the country. Locally her work can be seen at Baltimore's City Hall, The Fort McHenry National Shrine, the U.S. State Department, and Camden Yards; and she is published in Best of American Oil Artists II and Art of the American West, among others.

Thompson will tell you she is a classical realist, trained in the methods of old masters, like Rubens and Rembrandt. And their influences can be easily seen in the soft, almost translucent light in her paintings. Like the old masters, she strives to create believable figures and scenes with tonal lighting that transitions to shadow.

But like her subjects, her work combines several other influences, including the Hudson River School style of pastoral settings "where humans and nature coexist peacefully," and that of tonalists, who paint landscapes, but limit their color palates to the middle hues, allowing for a more subtle gradation of colors that create attitude and express emotions.

If you look closely at Thompson's paintings, through the hazy light into the woods or shadows, you may be rewarded by unexpectedly seeing a horse of some kind there.

"What I like to do with my paintings is give them the personal touch of emotion," she says. "When I'm at Saratoga, for instance, I don't do much of the horse running down the track. The intimate, behind the scenes, that's what I like. The horse getting rinsed off, the horse getting cooled down, a lone horse eating grass between races. That personal touch is more my thing.

"If I do a commission of someone's horse – which I am always doing someone's horse – and they say I captured their horse or its feeling or they could feel their soul in the eye of their horse; I mean, there's nothing better. There's just nothing better."

She sells a lot of paintings of foxhounds, too.

Drawn to the beautiful beasts

"I never really had a horse growing up, but it seems horses have been part of my life forever," Thompson says. "I was born in the city, but we moved to Perry Hall pretty quickly. It's ironic, you look at my art and see all these river pictures, because we moved within a very short walk of the Gunpowder [River]. All my life, I've lived within a short distance from the river and horses."

In fact, one of her first memories is of a horse – a rocking horse.

"I think the first thing I ever drew was a horse, constantly asking my parents to take me where I can see horses. Those big, beautiful beasts really were all I ever cared about.

"I never got one," says Thompson. "My parents, they were not going to be those people, but they did give me some riding lessons and they've always been very supportive of my artwork."

But they also wanted to make sure she had a solid education to fall back on if the art didn't work out. She went to John Carroll High School and then Towson State (now University) before earning two master's degrees, including one in fine art from the Maryland Institute College of Art.

After teaching in Baltimore City and County school systems for seven years, she realized, at age 29, she wanted to become a better painter. For her, the Schuler School of Fine Art in Baltimore was the answer. She thought she'd take a one-year sabbatical from teaching to accomplish that.

"But I realized, by noon the first day at the school, that I would never return to the school system," Thompson says. "The Schuler school was exactly what I wanted, an intense academic education with historic roots."

She stayed for the full five-year program, painting still life and learning the ways of those Old Masters' techniques. And she began earning her livelihood painting.

While there she became best friends with the school's founder Ann Schuler, and when at the end of the program Schuler asked her to continue at the school, she did.

"I stayed on teaching there with her for over 30 years," Thompson says, adding she also taught an additional class in Baltimore County at St. John's in Butler, Md., where she met Taffy Litz.

Beginning the transition

Meeting Litz in 2003 turned out to be a pathway back to horses. When Litz learned how much Thompson loved horses, she asked her to trail ride with her and made sure Thompson always had a mount.

The two rode together twice a week for several years. One of the many things they talked about was Thompson's yearning to stop making her living from still-life works and transition to horses and landscape.

"I had been making a living on still life and that sort of thing for quite a while at that point," Thompson recalls. "But my father was diagnosed with cancer and was dying and I said to Taffy, 'You look at the passing of someone, and you think, life's too short. I need to paint what I want to paint. I need to paint what's in my soul.' And Taffy set up [an equine art] show with me at the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club."

Two becomes one. Oil. 12 x 12.

Paintings of this draft team are among the most heartfelt of my pieces. The bond that is formed between horses that work side by side is beautifully special. It is perhaps one of the greatest bonds in the animal kingdom. When the harness is removed, the companionship does not end, they are like soulmates, never spearating. Artistically, they create their own magnificant compositions and designs, in their unending desire to be one.

It wasn't the only time she would be redirected to horses in times of sadness. When her friend Schuler was dying in 2010, and Thompson was helping to care for her, Sue Master, a woman Thompson had hired to take care of her own home while she was with Ann, offered to make another of her dreams come true – this one getting physically closer to the animals she loved.

Master and her partner, Jerry Birchinal, owned a horse farm. They gave riding lessons. Thompson signed up and paid for the lessons and Master provided a mount for her to ride in exchange for working with the horses when the lessons were done. Eventually, she asked if she could volunteer to help with the foaling. It turned out to be the part she loved best. "Every time a foal was born, I cried," Thompson says. "It was so moving and magical and it helped add more realism to my paintings."

But it was Litz's effort in setting up the equine art show at Green Spring in 2004 that really got Thompson's move to equine art off the ground.

Thompson used every skill and every bit of knowledge she had of horses to get ready for that show. Her oil paintings went up at Green Spring two nights after her father's death.

"I just thought, 'I have to do this,' " she remembers. " 'There's too much bittersweet symbolism in this that I'm finally changing my path and this is happening.' "

The little equine art show was a success.

"Just about every piece sold, and I thought my father arranged it," she says without a shred of doubt. "I thought, I can do this. I can switch subject matter and I can still survive, because I'm it. There's nobody else making money. There's no one, it's just me." says Thompson, who has never married.

Seven years later, she was firmly recognized as an equine artist, landscape artist and, yes, Western artist, with several Western galleries selling her paintings.

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Eventually, she was invited to exhibit with the Masters of Foxhounds Centennial Traveling Show and that led to an invitation from Crossgate Gallery of Lexington, Ky., to exhibit her paintings at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Eleven years later, Crossgate, the largest sporting art gallery in the United States, continues to exhibit her paintings at Saratoga.

A bright light for others

Today, she still helps on horse farms and rides as much as she can. She paints every day and teaches one day a week at the Zoll Studio of Art in Lutherville, Md.

"I love it," she says of both the farm work and the teaching.

Now, some of her students are her friends. They even travel together; and she wonders how she can be paid for having so much fun.

"I enjoy my life so much," Thompson says. "I've been a full-time artist, oh, God, a ridiculous amount of time. Let's see. Thirty-seven years I've been a full-time artist."

It is an amazing accomplishment, even if she needs others to tell her so.

"You know, I don't usually say much about my career, so people don't even know what I'm doing," Thompson says, remembering an afternoon with a group of her college-age students at the Schuler School.

"I don't remember how it came up, but they said something about my career and my path, and all of a sudden, one of the girls said, 'Don't you realize you're our hero?' And I said, 'I don't even know what you're talking about.' And one of them said, 'Carol, you have made a living at this for decades when virtually no women can. And you've done it alone, on your own. We literally struggle to find a role model and a mentor that's a woman artist making it on her own. You are so rare.' "

Thompson pauses, emotional, still surprised by her students' thoughts.

"It never occurred to me," she says, her voice quiet. "I just – I hate to say it, but, I mean, successful women artists are really not that common. Now I think, 'Oh, my God, I really did make it this far.' It's like, 'Woo-hoo, pinch me!' "

She ponders how her life has come full circle. How as a kid she loved drawing horses. How all she wanted to do was ride her rocking horse.

"Really, that was it. Just leave me alone on my horse," she says, laughing now.

She thinks about how limited art classes at John Carroll were then, how learning to be a teacher took her away, how even serious art study forced her to step away from her beloved horses, rivers and mountains. And yet, every time, someone helped her find her way back.

It's no longer just about her, her dreams or her livelihood, though. Now, she tries to use her art in a way that will help others to open their eyes to a love and appreciation of nature and to open their minds and hearts to being kind to horses.

"What more can I ask out of my lifetime?" she asks. ■

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Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Won
2	6	4 (3)	0	2 (2)	$190,390
3	1	0	0	0	0
4	5	0	1 (1)	1	30,125
5	4	0	0	1	11,835
	16	4 (3)	1 (1)	4 (2)	$232,350

At 2, won **MARYLAND JUVENILE FUTURITY** (7 fur. in 1:22.85, by 6 lengths over Bonus Points, In Arrears, O Dionysus, etc.), **MARYLAND MILLION NURSERY** (6 fur., defeating Dancing With Maude, Maryland's Best, Sventastic, etc.), **STRIKE YOUR COLORS S** (5½ fur., by 2½ lengths over Brahms Secret, Prince of Kentucky, Castles in the Air, etc.) and a maiden special at Laurel Park (first start, 5½ fur., turf, defeating Caribou Club, etc.); 3rd **Laurel Futurity** (turf, to Caribou Club, Undulated, defeating Lime House Louie, etc.), **Christopher Elser Memorial S** (to O Dionysus, The Walk, defeating Tactical Hero, etc.).

At 4, 2nd **Maryland Million Sprint H** (to Lewisfield, defeating Stolen Love, Onemoregreattime, No More Talk, etc.).

STUD RECORD

GREATBULLSOFFIRE entered stud in 2020. His first foals are 2-year-olds of 2023.

MALE LINE

His sire, **BULLSBAY,** stakes winner of 7 races, $923,245, Whitney H-G1, Alysheba S-G3, etc.

BULLSBAY has sired:

MAYTHEHORSEBWITHU: 5 wins, $265,371 to 4, 2022, Miracle Wood S, 2nd Private Terms S, First State Dash S, Spectacular Bid S.

UNRIDEABULL: 8 wins, $206,679 to 8, 2022, Frank Gall Memorial S, Robert G. Leavitt S, Henry Mercer Memorial S, 3rd It's Only Money S.

MISS BULLISTIC: 3 wins, $183,270, Selima S, Donna Freyer S, 2nd Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S, 3rd Conniver S.

Bullheaded Boy: 6 wins, $414,663, 2nd Maryland Million Classic S twice, etc.

His grandsire, **TIZNOW,** horse of the year, champion 3-year-old, champion older horse, stakes winner of 8 races, $6,427,830, Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 twice, etc.

TIZNOW has sired 94 stakes winners, 6 champions, including:

WELL ARMED: Highweighted older horse (9½ to 11 fur.) in U.A.E., 7 wins, $5,179,803, Dubai World Cup-G1, Goodwood S-G1, San Diego H-G2-ntr, etc.

BEAR NOW: Champion older mare in Canada, 9 wins, $1,153,595, Fitz Dixon Cotillion H-G2, Selene S-G3, Kentucky Cup Distaff S-G3, etc.

BLUE CHIPPER: Champion sprinter and champion miler in Korea, 10 wins, $1,034,988 to 7, 2022 in Korea and U.S., Korea Sprint-G1, etc.

FOLKLORE: Champion 2-year-old filly, 4 wins, $945,500, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1, Matron S-G1, Adirondack S-G2, etc.

Other champions: **IGOR (MEX)** (in Mexico), **HALAGADORA** (in Mexico).

TOURIST: 6 wins, $2,170,340, Breeders' Cup Mile-G1, etc. Sire.

FEMALE LINE

GREAT HOSTESS. Unraced. Dam of 6 foals, 4 to race, all winners—

GREATBULLSOFFIRE (Bullsbay). Stakes winner.

Doubleoseven (Hard Spun). 4 wins at 2 and 3, placed at 4, 2022, $161,447, 3rd Gold Fever S.

Table Jumper (Jump Start). Winner at 2, $55,820, 3rd Smart Halo S, etc. Dam of **C'Mon Man** (2 wins, $67,980 to 3, 2022, 3rd Golden Nugget S).

San Gregoria (Fairbanks). Winner at 2, $39,397. Producer.

CHILLY HOSTESS. Winner at 2, $13,014. Dam of 14 other foals, 12 to race, 10 winners, including—

WESTERN WINTER. 5 wins at 3 and 4, $312,310, Joseph M. O'Farrell S, 2nd Metropolitan H-G1, etc. Leading sire.

Neat Dish. Winner at 2, $31,460 in Ireland, 2nd E.B.F. Railway S-G3, etc. Dam of **RIDDLESDOWN (IRE)** (8 wins, $286,974 in England, France and N.A., Mac Diarmida H-G3, etc.), **Vitznau** (6 wins, $249,802 in England, Lady Wulfruna S, etc.), **Fill The Bill** (4 wins, $63,794 in England and Ireland, 2nd Beresford S-G3, Curragh Cup-G3, etc.). Granddam of **KALAHARI GOLD** (10 wins, $473,638 in England, France and U.A.E., Dubai Duty Free Cup, etc.).

Tanks for Lunch. Winner at 2, $23,040. Dam of **POLISH HOSTESS** (3 wins, $135,840, Egret S, 2nd Twixt S).

Kapen Cat. 3 wins at 2 and 3, $19,256 in South Africa. Dam of **BULLETING HOME** (6 wins, $55,997 in South Africa, Kings Cup-G3). Granddam of **Emerald Band** (in South Africa).

No Huggy No Kissy. Unraced. Producer. Granddam of **WONDERFUL LUCK** (2 wins, $120,020, Cinderella S, etc.).

IMPRESSIVE LADY. 8 wins at 2 and 3, $66,315, Selene S, Mazarine S, Star Shoot S, etc. Dam of 8 other foals, 8 to race, 7 winners, including—

IMPERIAL COLONY. 12 wins, 3 to 8, $546,850, Eclipse H-G3, etc.

IMPRESSIVE PRINCE. 9 wins, 2 to 6, $105,655, Bold Venture H, etc.

SUPERTAM. 4 wins at 2 and 3, $61,355, Hibiscus H, etc. Producer.

Impressive Image. 7 wins, 2 to 6, $94,322, 3rd Lucky Draw S.

Assert Lady. Winner at 4, $31,200. Dam of **UNBRIDLED LADY** (4 wins, $196,400, Geisha H, etc.). Granddam of **King Rizzi** (9 wins, $87,954 Puerto Rico, 3rd Clasico Angel T. Cordero Jr.-G1).

Caucasienne. 3 wins in 5 starts at 3 and 4, $25,502. Dam of **ADORNED** (5 wins, $203,695, Maple Leaf S, etc.). Granddam of **ARCHERS BAY** (champion 3-year-old colt in Canada, 4 wins, $666,200, Queen's Plate S, Prince of Wales S, 2nd Gulfstream Park H-G1, etc., sire), **NASHINDA** (5 wins, $438,843, George C. Hendrie H-G3, etc.), **FOREGONE** (sire).

CHILLY, by Nearctic. Winner at 2. Dam of 14 other foals, 12 to race, 9 winners, including—

RIGHT CHILLY. 12 wins, 2 to 5, $203,140, B.C. Oaks, Juvenile S, Vanity H, etc. Dam of **DARCIA** (6 wins, $150,459, Cinderella S, etc.). Granddam of **R J'S GAME** (13 wins, $250,426, Parnitha S), **SHELBY MADISON** (6 wins, $238,526, Fantasy S, etc.), **ALWAYS A DIXIE**, **Stormy Canuck**, **Crystal Gala**, **Boiling Point**, **Path to Victory**, **Test Pilot**, **Brass Halo**.

COOL TED. 7 wins, 3 to 6, $55,646, Fairbank H, etc.

Stage Queen. 3 wins at 2 and 3, $21,120, 3rd Kingarvie S. Dam of **BOLD RURITANA** (champion older mare, champion grass mare in Canada, 14 wins, $1,140,163, King Edward Gold Cup H-G3-ncr, etc.), **STAGE FLITE** (champion 2-year-old filly in Canada, 4 wins, $189,257, Mazarine S, etc.), **STAGE KING**. Granddam of **DUKE OF FLITE** (hwt. 3-year-old [14 fur. & up] in Italy), **HIGH SPEED TRAVEL** (8 wins, $402,653, Vice Regent S), **DECEW FALLS**, **SNAKE PIT**, **COZZENE'S FLITE**, **Raw Power**, **Le Merle Blanc** (sire), **Love Shy**, **Korvette Kid**.

Cool Combo. 3 wins at 2 and 3, $20,102, 2nd Star Shoot S. Dam of **SEVEN STONES**. Granddam of **STORMRIDER** (horse of the year in Austria three times), **TYUS**, **IRON POST**, **Sister Stones**, **Stone God** (sire).

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Racing Ahead

PROVEN RUNNERS PACE SALE, AS WEANLING MARKET FINDS FOOTING

By Joe Clancy

The last horse in the catalog, before a small addendum, the racehorse Radical Right topped the sale at $260,000.

Dick Schultz and David Wade might want to team up a little more frequently. In 2004, Schultz spent $45,000 on a Maryland-bred yearling co-bred by Wade and watched her turn into multiple stakes winner Celestial Legend. More than 18 years later, Wade (via employer Northview Stallion Station) and Schultz combined forces to top the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic mixed sale with $260,000 racehorse Radical Right at Timonium, Md., Dec. 6.

Purchased via telephone by California trainer Mike Machowsky for owner Tom Kagele, the now 4-year-old gelding was the last horse in the catalog (before a small addendum) as Hip 281.

"He bought Celestial Legend from me, and when he wanted to sell this horse he thought of me, which was cool," said Wade. "I feel great for him. He's a super guy and you could tell it meant a lot to him."

"It was a great day for me," said Schultz. "I've long had horses in Maryland and I've loved it. I'm pushing 80 years old and have had a couple of strokes so I probably need to slow down a little bit. I wouldn't mind having one more like him to race or sell, but we'll see."

Bred in Kentucky by Schultz, Radical Right won or placed in his first nine starts for trainer Dale Capuano – winning twice in 2021 and once in 2022. In his start prior to the sale, the son of First Samurai finished second in the City of Laurel Stakes at Laurel Park Nov. 26.

"He's as genuine a racehorse as you can come up with," Schultz said. "He got better and better and better every start he ran for us. I expect the people who bought him are going to feel very good to have him and I can see him paying them back for their confidence in him."

Radical Right led a group of four racing-age horses to bring six figures at the top of the sale. In a trend over the last several years, racehorses filled the top six prices before a Maryland-bred Global Campaign weanling checked in at $75,000. The Scat Daddy mare In My Time (in foal to Practical Joke) topped the broodmare section at $62,000, while an Oscar Performance colt led the yearlings at $45,000.

The sale finished with 172 horses sold from 228 offered, and gross receipts of $3,233,600 (down from 2021 when 261 horses sold) and an average price of $18,800 (up about $4,000 from 2021). The top six, all racehorses, sold late.

"I was a little concerned earlier, but when we got to what people wanted we made a big run at the end," said Fasig-Tipton's Paget Bennett. "I was worried because we didn't have as many [racehorses] as we did in past years but the ones we had people wanted."

Consignor Sabrina Moore led the sale, for about an hour, with a horse people wanted. Stakes-placed 2-year-old Heldish cost $40,000 as a yearling in 2021, won his debut in July, finished second three times (including the Hickory Tree Stakes and Maryland Million Nursery) and came into the sale off a third in the James F. Lewis III Stakes at Laurel. The first racehorse owned by Justin Horowitz proved his value with those performances and became a key to potentially expanding Horowitz's ItsTheJHo stable.

Then the Great Notion colt sold for $160,000 to trainer Mike Maker.

"He's all class and is headed in the right direction so it was the perfect time to put him in a sale like this," said Moore. "Justin knew he had something valuable in his hands and he wants to keep the stable going so this was a perfect opportunity to get the cash flow and keep some more horses coming along."

Owner of GreenMount Farm, Moore stuck to the business side of the equation but knew there was plenty of emotion too. Trainer Brittany Russell and her husband/stable jockey Sheldon are going to miss Heldish. So are Horowitz and bloodstock agent Frank Alosa, whose first racing foray involved a trip to watch Summerly win the 2005 Kentucky Oaks-G1.

"I'm thrilled for my friend and my client, but it's hard because we know the horse," said Alosa after saying goodbye to Heldish at the stall door. "It's bittersweet. I love the horse and I love how we did it, there are just certain horses that are special. This one means a lot. It's my best friend, it's his first horse. We've been friends since college, and he always wanted to buy a horse. He got to a point in his life where he could afford to do it."

Horowitz and Alosa went to Timonium in October 2021, and found Heldish. Bred in Maryland by Larry Johnson, and part of the Becky Davis consignment, the bay colt was one they agreed on. He immediately impressed, first with Madison Meyers in Virginia, then with the Russells. Heldish was Sheldon Russell's first mount after missing almost 10 months with an injury, and won.

"He was my first gallop back, my first ride," Sheldon Russell said at the sale. "I wasn't really ready at 100 percent [to ride a race] and I rode him. You could just trust him. He's different. It's going to take a long time to find another one like Heldish."

But racing is a business, and Heldish moves to Maker's national barn.

SALES LEADERS

$260,000. Radical Right, dk.b./br.g., 2019, First Samurai—Emily, by Sky Mesa (Ky.); Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Tom Kagele.

$160,000. Heldish, b.c., 2020, Great Notion—Everything Magic, by Street Sense (Md.); GreenMount Farm, agent; Michael Maker.

$125,000. Patient Capital, b.g., 2019, Practical Joke—Blind Pool, by Awesome Again (Ky.); Marshall Silverman, agent; Michael Maker.

$100,000. We Dont Need Roads, ch.c., 2020, Hoppertunity—Dulcify, by Candy Ride (Arg) (Md.); Dreamtime Stables, agent VI; Jeff Parthemore.

$85,000. Call Me Harry, dk.b./br.g., 2016, Street Sense—Call Me Swift, by Bernardini (N.Y.); Marshall Silverman, agent; Michael Maker.

$80,000. Bazinga C, dk.b./br.f., 2019, Exaggerator—Bazinga B, by Lion Hearted (Pa.); Joseph Besecker, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Miller Racing.

$75,000. Ch.f., 2022, Global Campaign—Miss Mystique, by Teuflesberg (Md.); Country Life Farm and Partners, Bill Reightler, agent; Wellspring Stables.

$67,000. Glynn County, 2017, b.h., Kitten's Joy—Quad Tens, by Rock Hard Ten (Ky.); Marshall Silverman, agent; Michael Maker.

$62,000. In My Time, ch.m., 2011, Scat Daddy—Irish Starlet, by Irish River (Fr) (Ky.) (in foal to Practical Joke); Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Barak Farm, Wayne Potts, agent.

$60,000. Comfy and Cozy, ch.m., 2016, Curlin—Who's Cozy, by Cozzene (Md.) (in foal to Union Rags); Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Marblehead Management.

"He's a trier, I know he'll do well," said Alosa. "I'm obviously thrilled with the result, but it's still a horse that means a lot to everybody who has ever been in contact with him."

Trainer Mark Salvaggio bid $100,000 to land We Dont Need Roads, a winner in two of four starts for Black Cloud Racing and trainer Anthony Pecoraro at 2 in 2022. The chestnut son of Hoppertunity, bred in Maryland by Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, stood tall in the ring like an older horse and drew plenty of attention.

Salvaggio put clients Jeff Parthemore and John Wise together on the horse, then hoped for the best once the bidding started.

"That was as much as I was going to spend so I just sat there," said the trainer. "I didn't think I'd get him. I thought he'd go for more than that. You have to pick your spots at a sale like this. It's hard to claim right now, but you can look at horses and see horses here. If I'm spending a lot of money, I have to be sure. That was pretty rigorous."

The work paid off, as We Don't Need Roads joined the Penn National barn.

"He's Delaware-certified, Maryland-bred, there's a lot of money there and he's got a lot of upside," Salvaggio said. "I really like him. It's a home run for me."

Kentucky sires push weanlings

Consignor Bill Reightler missed out on a chance to sell classy broodmare prospect Street Lute, who was withdrawn late by her owner Lucky 7 Stables, but found success with several weanlings. Reightler's consignment included the top three weanlings bought for $75,000, $58,000 and $45,000. All three are by Kentucky sires, another trend in the regional weanling market.

"We're breeding very nice racehorses in the region by our stalwart sires, but in the sales arena they're not commanding multiple bidders to realize strong sale prices," Reightler said. "The market, which is half of what we do now, is oriented toward buying to resell and they're buying individuals by Kentucky sires. And it's generally first-year sires that were fast and might throw precocious-looking individuals."

Bred in Maryland by Country Life Farm and sold by Bill Reightler, a €lly by Global Campaign topped the sale's weanling section at $75,000 on a bid by Wellspring Stables.

The Global Campaign filly, a January foal bred in Maryland by Country Life Farm and partners, looked the part and drew a $75,000 bid from Dr. Robert Vukovich's Wellspring Stables. Vukovich bought 2022 Grade 1 winner Leave No Trace as a yearling at Timonium and found 2021 Queen's Plate winner Safe Conduct at Keeneland as a weanling, with both horses going to trainer Phil Serpe on the New York circuit.

"She was a wonderfully conformed filly, they don't really come much better," Reightler said of the chestnut. "She's an early foal so she had that mature look about her, a great shoulder and hip, she walked well. Christy Holden and her staff at the farm did an excellent job, we just facilitated it."

Country Life spent $47,000 to buy the filly's dam Miss Mystique in 2020 and sold her Catholic Boy filly for $34,000 as a yearling at Timonium in October. A daughter of Teuflesberg, Miss Mystique won four races in her home state of New York and produced just two foals for Country Life before dying of colic.

LEADING CONSIGNORS

Gross Sales

Northview Stallion Station, agt. (51) $1,144,500
Marshall Silverman, agt. (21) 595,500
Bill Reightler, agt. (39) 503,500
Dreamtime Stables, agt. (10) 241,500
Gracie Bloodstock, agt. (13) 215,700

Average Sales (3 or more sold)

Turning Point Bloodstock, agt. (3) $30,667
Marshall Silverman, agt. (21) 28,357
Dreamtime Stables, agt. (10) 24,150
Northview Stallion Station, agt. (51) 22,441
GreenMount Farm, agt. (10) 20,490

LEADING BUYERS

Michael Maker (4) $437,000
Tom Kagele (1) 260,000
Anthony Farrior (5) 116,500
Marblehead Management (3) 112,000
Jeff Parthemore (1) 100,000

LEADING WEANLING SIRES

Gross Sales

Global Campaign (1) $75,000
Mitole (1) 58,000
Vekoma (1) 45,000
Rowayton (2) 44,000
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"We bred her to Bolt d'Oro and we were pretty excited," said Country Life's Mike Pons. "Then she colicked, they did surgery in Kentucky and everything looked good. She got sick again and died on the operating table. She'd produced two dynamite foals and looked to be on her way. It can be a tough game sometimes."

Breeder Susan Wantz sold weanlings by Mitole (a $58,000 West Virginia-bred filly), Vekoma (a $45,000 Maryland-bred filly), Cloud Computing (a $27,000 Maryland-bred filly) and Sharp Azteca (a $25,000 West Virginia-bred filly) while keeping a Catalina Cruiser filly bred in West Virginia.

"She bred her mares to Kentucky sires, but they're Maryland-bred or West Virginia-bred," Reightler said. "She had a very nice, well-conformed group of individuals. They vetted well and they sold well. That's what it takes in this era."

Reightler called the sales market "concentrated" with quality individuals realizing strong prices and high demand. Quality typically means Kentucky sires, solid female families and good conformation whether seen in person or in online videos. Telephone and internet bidding was strong at the sale, and Fasig-Tipton continues to expand its digital platform.

"The reality about the market right now is it's more and more polarized between the quality and everything else," said Reightler. "Ten years ago, I could sell everything in the consignment at all different price ranges. Now it's all concentrated. A sale isn't good or bad, it's what's in the sale. If there's product there, people will come."

NOTES: The racehorse section included large drafts from owners Joe Besecker and Three Diamonds Farm, plus Jordan Wycoff (whose father Kirk owns Three Diamonds) . . . Maker bought four horses for $437,000, though three were former trainees or sold by Maker clients Wycoff/Three Diamonds . . . Trainer Anthony Farrior spent $116,500 to buy five horses, the $58,000 weanling from Reightler's consignment, two broodmares, a racehorse and another weanling for $8,500 . . . Pinhooker Cary Frommer bought four weanlings for $99,000 . . . Broodmare leader In My Time joined the band at Barak Farm on a bid by agent Wayne Potts . . . The top yearling (now a 2-year-old), by Oscar Performance out of the Mizzen Mast mare Naval Academy, went to DKW Racing for $45,000. The colt was bred by Marathon Farm in Maryland and consigned by Marshall Silverman. ■

20-year figures from the Fasig-Tipton December mixed sale

Year	*No. sold*	*Average*	*Gross*	*RNAs*	*Top Price*	
2022	172	$18,800	$3,233,600	25%	$260,000	3yo g. Radical Right (by First Samurai)
2021	261	14,962	3,905,100	21%	$130,000	2yo g. Safalow's Mission (by Mission Impazible)
2020	182	12,888	2,345,600	23%	$195,000	3yo f. Fly On Angel (by Palace Malice)
2019	249	17,605	4,383,700	19%	$450,000	2yo c. Laddie Liam (by Golden Lad)
2018	201	9,508	1,911,100	22%	$87,000	wlg.c. by Peace and Justice
2017	221	11,078	2,448,200	21%	$105,000	3yo c. Carradine (by Grasshopper)
2017	141	6,428	906,400	29%	$70,000	yrlg.c. by Dialed In
2016	104	8,443	878,100	13%	$76,000	yrlg.c. by Curlin
2014	110	8,680	954,800	33%	$60,000	brm. Delaneys Star (by Latent Heat), in foal to Majestic Warrior
2013	133	11,404	1,516,700	28%	$100,000	3yo f. Mystic Love (by Not For Love)
2012	140	8,216	1,150,200	28%	$100,000	wlg.f. by Read the Footnotes
2011	260	14,382	3,739,350	23%	$260,000	brm. Salty Romance (by Salt Lake), in foal to Cosmonaut
2010	158	6,127	968,100	43%	$130,000	Baltimore Belle, 07 f., by Bowman's Band
2009	169	4,593	776,300	37%	$95,000	brm. Crystal Bull (by Holy Bull), in foal to Pollard's Vision
2008	186	6,287	1,169,400	37%	$65,000	brm. Colonial Ball (by Pleasant Colony), in foal to Henny Hughes
2007	287	7,166	2,056,500	39%	$62,000	wlg.c. by Golden Missile
2006	338	7,924	2,678,300	34%	$95,000	wlg.c. by Tapit
						wlg.c. by Two Punch
2005	375	9,328	3,497,900	32%	$140,000	brm. Your Out (by Allen's Prospect), in foal to Lion Hearted
2004	363	10,640	3,862,300	21%	$160,000	wlg.c. by Malibu Moon
2003	360	7,506	2,702,300	22%	$150,000	wlg.f. by Malibu Moon
2002	378	6,557	2,478,600	30%	$103,000	wlg.f. by Silver Charm

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Speightstown–Alternate, by Seattle Slew

War Front–Centre Court, by Smart Strike

Katherine Turnbull photos

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By leading sire and sire of sires **WAR FRONT** (Danzig). Out of G1 stakes winner **CENTRE COURT** ($961,048), from a sire-producing family that includes champions **NOVERRE** and **ADJAL**, along with **FABULEUX DANCER**, **JOYEUX DANSEUR**, **ARAZI**, **EAGLE CAFE**, etc.

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Winning son of leading sire **CANDY RIDE (ARG)**, sire of leading sire **GUN RUNNER** (horse of the year, $15,988,500) and sires **SIDNEY'S CANDY**, **TWIRLING CANDY**, **MASTERY**, etc.

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		Harlan	Storm Cat	
	Harlan's Holiday		Country Romance	
		Christmas in Aiken	Affirmed	
Into Mischief			Dowager	
Bay, 2005		Tricky Creek	Clever Trick	
	Leslie's Lady		Battle Creek Girl	
		Crystal Lady	Stop the Music	
			One Last Bird	
		Unbridled's Song	Unbridled	
	Songandaprayer		Trolley Song	
		Alizea	Premiership	
Hopeoverexperience			Fancy Medallion	
Bay, 2008		Storm Cat	Storm Bird	
	Tom's Cat		Terlingua	
		Shouldnt Say Never	Meadowlake	
			Keys Special	

Dosage Profile:	1	5	0	0	0
Dosage Index:	Infinity	Center of Distribution:			+1.17

RACING RECORD

CANCUN was unraced.

STUD RECORD

CANCUN enters stud in 2023.

MALE LINE

His sire, **INTO MISCHIEF,** stakes winner of 3 races, $597,080, Cashcall Futurity-G1, Damascus, 2nd Malibu S-G1, etc. Leading sire.

INTO MISCHIEF has sired 127 stakes winners, including:

AUTHENTIC: Horse of the Year, champion 3-year-old male, 6 wins, $7,201,200, Breeders' Cup Classic-G1-ntr, Kentucky Derby-G1, Haskell S-G1, etc.

GAMINE: Champion female sprinter, 9 wins, $1,771,500 in 11 starts, Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1-ntr, Derby City Distaff S-G1, etc.

COVFEFE: Champion 3-year-old filly, champion female sprinter, 6 wins, $1,110,025 in 8 starts, Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint S-G1, Test S-G1, etc.

CONQUEST ENFORCER: Champion turf male in Canada, 5 wins, $551,938, Mathis Brothers Mile S-G2, Cup and Saucer S, Queenston S, etc.

MISS MISCHIEF: Champion female sprinter, champion older female in Canada, 9 wins, $522,980, Bessarabian S-G2, H.B.P.A. S twice, etc.

LIFE IS GOOD: 9 wins, $4,541,700 to 4, 2022, Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1, Pegasus World Cup Invitational S-G1, Whitney S-G1, Woodward S-G1, etc.

GOLDENCENTS: 7 wins, $3,044,000, Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1 twice, Santa Anita Derby-G1, Pat O'Brien S-G2-ntr, etc. Sire.

AUDIBLE: 5 wins, $2,130,520, Florida Derby-G1, Holy Bull S-G2, Cherokee Run S, 2nd Harlan's Holiday S-G3, 3rd Kentucky Derby-G1.

MANDALOUN: 6 wins, $2,096,052 to 4, 2022, Haskell S-G1, Risen Star S-G2, Louisiana S-G3, Pegasus S, 2nd Kentucky Derby-G1, etc.

PRACTICAL JOKE: 5 wins, $1,795,800, Champagne S-G1, H. Allen Jerkens S-G1, Hopeful S-G1, Dwyer S-G3, 2nd Blue Grass S-G2, etc. Sire.

WONDER WHEEL: 4 wins, $1,550,725 in 5 starts at 2, 2022, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies S-G1, Alcibiades S-G1, Debutante S, 2nd Spinaway S-G1.

MIA MISCHIEF: 10 wins, $1,274,934, Humana Distaff S-G1, etc.

MISCHEVIOUS ALEX: 7 wins, $734,355, Carter H-G1, Gotham S-G3, etc.

DAYOUTOFTHEOFFICE: 3 wins, $642,300, Frizette S-G1, Schuylerville S-G3, 2nd Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies S-G1, Eight Belles S-G2.

GINA ROMANTICA: 4 wins, $553,540 at 3, 2022, Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S-G1, Riskaverse S, 2nd Pebbles S-G3.

OWENDALE: 6 wins, $1,538,435, Ohio Derby-G3, Oklahoma Derby-G3, Lexington S-G3, Blame S, 2nd Clark S-G1, Alysheba S-G2, etc.

VYJACK: 8 wins, $1,427,600, Kelso H-G2, Jerome S-G2, etc.

VICAR'S IN TROUBLE: 4 wins, $1,228,292, Louisiana Derby-G2, etc.

FULSOME: 8 wins, $1,170,203 to 4, 2022, Oaklawn Mile S-G3, etc.

FRANK'S ROCKETTE: 9 wins, $1,147,308 to 5, 2022, Prioress S-G2, etc.

PLAYED HARD: 5 wins, $978,390 to 4, 2022, Falls City S-G3, etc.

CHESS CHIEF: 5 wins, $923,369 to 6, 2022, New Orleans Classic S-G2, etc.

FEMALE LINE

HOPEOVEREXPERIENCE. Winner at 3, $26,550. Dam of 4 other foals, all winners, including—

SO PERFECT (Scat Daddy). 3 wins at 2 and 3, $548,435 in Ireland, England, U.S. and France, Balanchine S-G3, Lacken S-G3, 2nd Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp-G1, Flying Five S-G1, Phoenix S-G1, 3rd Nunthorpe S-G1, Cheveley Park S-G1, Fred Darling S-G3, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint.

Scat Eddie (Scat Daddy). 3 wins, 2 to 6, $196,849 in Japan, 3rd Marguerite S.

Foreign Affair (Exchange Rate). Winner at 3, $73,260. Producer.

TOM'S CAT. Winner at 4, $28,140. Dam of 5 other foals, 3 to race, including—

COWTOWN CAT. 4 wins at 2 and 3, $562,228, Illinois Derby-G2, Gotham S-G3, 3rd Swale S-G2, Timeless Native S. Sire.

Cowtown Kitty. Unraced. Dam of **Presley** (4 wins, $121,177 to 6, 2022, 2nd First Lady H).

SHOULDNT SAY NEVER. 5 wins, 2 to 4, $102,075, Florida Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association Distaff S, 3rd Betsy Ross H-G3. Dam of 11 other foals, 8 to race, 3 winners, including—

Werehere. 12 wins, 3 to 10, $94,433.

Big Apple. Winner at 3, $41,535. Sire.

Promoted Deputy. Winner at 2 in England. Dam of **STORMATION** (9 wins, $221,936, Shakopee Juvenile S, etc.), **TAKE CHARGE DEPUTY** (14 wins, $180,647 to 7, 2022, Portland Mile H, etc.), **SMART PROMOTION** (3 wins, $48,670, Count Lathum H).

KEYS SPECIAL, by Chieftain. Winner at 3, $12,530. Dam of 10 other foals, 9 to race, all winners, including—

STUTZ KEYS. 12 wins, 2 to 6, $247,466, Pelleteri H, Thanksgiving H twice, Gaudin Memorial Breeders' Cup H, etc. Sire.

CAPTAIN MAESTRI. 3 wins at 2 and 3, $238,670, Frank Arsenault Memorial S, Black Gold H, 2nd Arlington-Washington Futurity-G2, etc.

CRAFTY BUT SWEET. 3 wins at 2 and 3, $174,095, Sorority S-G3, etc. Dam of **SWEET ADDITION** (6 wins, $44,448, Starter H, etc.). Granddam of **Military Miss** (4 wins, $162,116, 2nd Louisiana Showcase Distaff S, etc.).

Above Special. 3 wins at 2 and 3, $86,823, 2nd Surfside S, 3rd Herecomes-thebride S. Producer. Granddam of **Way to Special**.

Eleven Keys, by Royal Union. 5 wins, 2 to 4, $46,910, 2nd Spinster S. Half-sister to **SMOKE SCREEN**, **Smoke Veil**. Dam of 11 other foals, 9 to race, 8 winners, including—

DEWAN KEYS. 14 wins, 2 to 5, $376,504, Queens County H-G3, Minuteman H-G3, Arch Ward S, 2nd Fall Highweight H-G2, etc. Sire.

ELEVEN PLEASURES. 8 wins, 2 to 5, $122,957, Pucker Up S-G3, 2nd Oil Capitol H-G3, 3rd Black Helen H-G2, etc. Dam of **Athena's Glory** (6 wins, $67,515, 3rd Miles Standish S). Granddam of **STAR BALLERINA** (4 wins, $1,757,408 in Japan, Sho Rose S-G2, etc.), **Olive Crown** (2 wins, $665,925 in Japan, 2nd Flower Cup-G3, etc.), **Gold Sparkle**.

OVER ARRANGED. 10 wins, 2 to 4, $90,481, Delaware Valley S, etc. Sire.

Restless Keys. 6 wins, 2 to 5, $101,817, 2nd Miss Woodford S-G3, etc. Producer.

Available Miss. 2 wins at 2, $10,940. Dam of **BARBERSTOWN** (6 wins, $336,570, Del Mar Invitational H-G2, Will Rogers H-G3, etc., sire), **APOTHECARY MISS**. Granddam of **RENEGOTIABLE** (5 wins, $203,275, Bel Air H-G2, etc.), **AVAILABLETOBEAKING**, **Costume Belle**.

Laughing Keys. Winner at 3. Dam of **FLAMINGO WAY** (10 wins, $389,274, Correction H, etc.), **JOKER** (6 wins, $344,610, Red Bank H-G3, etc., sire).

Key to Key. Placed at 3. Dam of **Valid Key**.

Key to Pleasure. Unraced. Producer. Granddam of **BODACIOUS TATAS** (11 wins, $439,932, Molly Pitcher H-G2, etc.), **GRECIAN WARD**, **GENTLE KEY**, **Tom n' Kath**.

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FUGITIVE

Chestnut Horse, 2017

		Cryptoclearance	Fappiano Naval Orange
	Ride the Rails	Herbalesian	*Herbager Alanesian
Candy Ride (Arg) Bay, 1999		Candy Stripes	Blushing Groom (Fr) Bubble Company (Fr)
	Candy Girl	City Girl	Farnesio (Arg) Cithara
		Gone West	Mr. Prospector Secrettame
	Elusive Quality	Touch of Greatness	Hero's Honor Ivory Wand
Elusive Fate Chestnut, 2010		Deputy Minister	Vice Regent Mint Copy
	Clear Destiny	Crystal Shard	Mr. Prospector Sulemeif

Dosage Profile:	3	3	7	1	0
Dosage Index:	2.11	Center of Distribution:			+0.57

RACING RECORD

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Won
3	10	1	0	4	$36,845
4	12	2	3	4	56,844
	22	3	3	8	$93,689

At 2, unraced.

At 3, won a 7 fur. maiden special at Charles Town (by 9¼ lengths over Positive Impact, Stephanopoulos, Ballyhoo Prince, Nicaloe, etc.).

At 3, won a 6 fur. race at Laurel Park (defeating Martini Lane, Degas, Goodluck-johnathan, Visual Artist, etc.) and a 6 fur. race at Pimlico (by 4 lengths over Royal Thunder, Sir Lenny, Fast Cash, Self Awareness).

STUD RECORD

FUGITIVE enters stud in 2023.

MALE LINE

His sire, **CANDY RIDE (ARG),** champion miler in Argentina, stakes winner of 6 races in 6 starts in U.S. and Argentina, $749,149, Pacific Classic S-G1-ntr, Joaquin S. de Anchorena-G1, San Isidro-G1, American H-G2.

CANDY RIDE (ARG) has sired 119 stakes winners, including:

GUN RUNNER: Horse of the year, champion older dirt male, 12 wins, $15,988,500, Breeders' Cup Classic-G1, Pegasus World Cup Invitational S-G1, Whitney S-G1, Woodward S-G1, Clark H-G1, etc. Leading sire.

SHARED BELIEF: Champion 2-year-old colt, 10 wins, $2,932,200 in 12 starts, Santa Anita H-G1, Pacific Classic S-G1, Cashcall Futurity-G1, etc.

GAME WINNER: Champion 2-year-old colt, 5 wins, $2,027,500, Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1, Del Mar Futurity-G1, American Pharoah S-G1, etc.

DESERT RIDE: Champion 3-year-old filly in Canada, 4 wins, $430,737, Woodbine Oaks, Wonder Where S.

CANDY SUGAR LADY: Champion imported older mare in Panama, 15 wins, $147,080 in Panama, Clasico Dia de la Madre-G1 three times, etc.

LOLO FOREVER: Champion miler twice in Peru, 13 wins, $135,613 in Peru, Clasico Osaf-G2, Clasico Jose Rodriguez Razzeto-G3, etc.

NEW YORK BLUE: Champion imported 3-year-old filly in Korea, 7 wins, Kookje Sinmun, 2nd Gyeongnam Governor's Cup-G3, Ttukseom Cup-G3, etc.

MISREMEMBERED: 6 wins, $1,306,709, Santa Anita H-G1, etc. Sire.

VEKOMA: 6 wins, $1,245,525 in 8 starts, Metropolitan H-G1, Carter H-G1, etc.

SIDNEY'S CANDY: 7 wins, $1,104,810, Santa Anita Derby-G1, etc. Sire.

SEPARATIONOFPOWERS: 4 wins, $964,000, Test S-G1, Frizette S-G1, etc.

LEOFRIC: 8 wins, $951,040, Clark H-G1, Fayette S-G2, etc.

TWIRLING CANDY: 7 wins, $944,900, Malibu S-G1-ntr, etc. Sire.

OLLIE'S CANDY: 4 wins, $930,151, Clement L. Hirsch S-G1, etc.

ASCEND: 6 wins, $859,980, Manhattan S-G1, etc.

CAPT. CANDYMAN CAN: 8 wins, $793,597, King's Bishop S-G1, etc.

EL BRUJO: 7 wins, $721,439, Pat O'Brien S-G1, Perryville S-G3, etc.

ROCK YOUR WORLD: 3 wins, $612,100, Santa Anita Derby-G1, etc.

EVITA ARGENTINA: 6 wins, $611,400, La Brea-G1, San Vicente S-G2, etc.

MASTERY: 4 wins, $511,200 in 4 starts, Cash Call Futurity-G1, etc. Sire.

FEMALE LINE

Elusive Fate. 2 wins at 3, $231,258, 2nd Wayward Lass S, 3rd Dogwood S-G3. Dam of 2 other foals, both winners—

FARSIGHTED (Bernardini). Winner at 2 and 3, $205,110, Any Limit S, 2nd Songbird S, Coronation Cup S.

Rain Check (Bernardini). 3 wins at 2 and 3, 2022, $100,390.

CLEAR DESTINY. 3 wins at 2 and 4, $193,667, Golden Sylvia H, etc. Dam of 13 other foals, 12 to race, 9 winners, including—

Pilot House. 7 wins, 2 to 5, $154,658, 3rd Bruce D. Memorial S.

Morning Destiny. Winner at 2, $79,370, 2nd Glitter Woman S.

Legerity. 2 wins at 3, 2022, $126,034.

Clear Cut. 6 wins, 2 to 5, $112,363. Producer.

Vulcan. 4 wins, 3 to 7, $103,909.

Thread of Life. Winner at 3, $47,311.

Thessalonian. Winner at 3, $33,035.

Future Promise. Winner at 4, $21,780. Producer.

CRYSTAL SHARD. Unraced. Sister to **WITHALLPROBABILITY**. Dam of 11 other foals, all to race, 8 winners, including—

GEMOLOGIST. 5 wins in 7 starts at 2 and 3, $794,855, Wood Memorial S-G1, Kentucky Jockey Club S-G2. Sire.

SYDENHAM. Winner at 3 in England; winner at 4 and 7, $59,632 in U.A.E., Godolphin Seven Stars.

Perfect Cut. 4 wins at 3 and 4, $164,265, 3rd Michael G. Schaefer Mile S.

Catbird Seat. Winner at 3 and 4, $65,433. Producer.

Clear Thinking. Winner at 3 and 4, $52,156. Dam of **I'M YOUR FATHER** (6 wins, $639,026 in Korea, Busan Mayor's Cup-G3), **SKEPTIC** (4 wins, $241,295, Monmouth Oaks-G3).

Giant Crystal. Placed, 2 to 4, $26,300. Dam of **AMERICAN GIANT** (4 wins, $143,550, Cellars Shiraz S, Juvenile Fillies Turf S).

SULEMEIF, by Northern Dancer. 3 wins at 4, $97,786 in U.S. and France, Suwannee River H-G3, etc. Half-sister to **ONE OF A KLEIN**, **BARE MINIMUM** (sire), **GOLDEN HIGHLIGHTS**, **Ajdayt** (sire). Dam of 10 other foals, 8 to race, 7 winners, including—

WITHALLPROBABILITY. 9 wins, 2 to 4, $643,438, Bonnie Miss S-G2, etc. Dam of **WITH ABILITY** (7 wins, $558,124, Sixty Sails H-G3, etc.). Granddam of **SUMMER COLONY** (10 wins, $1,448,930, Personal Ensign H-G1, etc.), **Colonial Causeway** (5 wins, $130,200, 3rd Primal S).

KADRMAS. 12 wins, 3 to 7, $257,239, William Henry Harrison H.

Kyowa Alysheba. 5 wins, 3 to 5, $1,210,823 in Japan, 3rd Asahi Challenge Cup-G3. Sire.

Slaymaker. 5 wins, 3 to 6, $127,725, 2nd Waquoit H, Lou Smith Memorial H, 3rd Charles Staats Memorial H.

Tomisue's Gold. 3 wins at 3 and 4, $98,465, 2nd Lieutenant Governor S. Dam of **TODD GOT EVEN** (9 wins, $313,943, Eillo S). Granddam of **RUNAWAY DELITE**, **Dixieland Lake**, **Dixieland Gold**.

Go Carolina. 3 wins at 3 and 4, $65,836, 3rd Thomas J. Malley S. Dam of **SHONAN RISE** (6 wins, $1,217,526 in Japan, Paradise S, etc.).

Bradamante. Unraced. Dam of **STILL IN LOVE** (champion 3-year-old filly in Japan, 5 wins, $3,801,627, Japanese Oaks-G1, Japanese 1000 Guineas-G1, Shuka Sho-G1, etc.), **BIG BAILLAMONT** (3 wins, $608,669 in 5 starts in Japan, Radio Tampa Sho-G3). Granddam of **PISA NO PATEK** (6 wins, $1,767,416 in Japan, UHB Hai, etc.), **AZUMA SHUTTLE** (4 wins, $1,279,501 in Japan, Kokura Kinen-G3, etc.), **The Taiki** (2 wins, $335,775 in Japan, 2nd Arlington Cup-G3).

Color of Gold. Unraced. Dam of **ROBE DECOLLETE** (3 wins, $1,782,218 in Japan and U.S., Japanese Oaks, 3rd Hankyu Hai-G3), **Tap Gold** (3 wins, $146,981, 2nd Lady's Secret S, etc.).

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BOURBON BON BAY, HLUBIK ENJOYING PATH TO STAKES COMPANY

By John Piassek

When it comes to taking care of horses, horsemen often subscribe to a core tenet: Be patient and let the horse tell you what to do.

Erin Hlubik takes those words to heart every day with her homebred mare, Bourbon Bon Bay. The now 6-year-old daughter of Anchor and Hope Farm stallion Bourbon Courage has raced just four times, but she's made quite the impression. On Nov. 23 at Parx Racing, the Maryland-bred won the $75,000 Cornucopia Stakes by a length.

"It was very thrilling," said Hlubik, the new stakes winner's breeder, owner, exercise rider and chief decision maker. "I was confident going in, but I thought if anything was going to get her, it was her lack of experience. It was a group of nice, nice horses, but I thought, 'I belong here' and she showed it. She ran like an experienced horse."

Hlubik got her start in racing at her family's farm in New Egypt, N.J. Her father, John, delivered feed and straw to the New York Racing Association tracks via his Indian Cave Horse Products and passed an interest in horses to his daughter. Growing up, Erin was on and around horses all the time. When the Rising Sun Farm training center, owned by Sandra Olex, opened adjacent to the family farm, Hlubik was instantly taken by the prospect of working there and making a living in the industry.

"I used to sit on my porch and watch the horses at the training center," said Hlubik, "and I knew I wanted to be involved. When I was 14, I started hotwalking, and I started galloping when I was 15. From there, I was sold."

Hlubik got a taste of all parts of horse care at Rising Sun: breeding, breaking, galloping, the works. "I love those parts of the industry. I want to be hands-on. I didn't care what aspect it was, I just knew I wanted to excel and do great with what I did."

Hlubik met trainer Ned Allard and his wife Mary Katherine at Rising Sun, and considers them a big help in her career. "Ned was a big client at Rising Sun," Hlubik said. "We broke his babies and did a lot of work with them. When Sandy retired in 2008, Ned said, 'Whatever you do, you've got our business. If you build a barn, I'll fill it.' "

Through Rising Sun, Hlubik also met her husband, trainer Ramon Martin. He stabled there after Garden State Park racetrack closed and they were married in 2016. Two years later, they moved the stable to Parx Racing in Pennsylvania. Hlubik has bred horses on and off for 14 years and isn't keen on selling the horses she raises.

"Sandy always did well at the sales, but I get attached easily," she said of Olex.

The attachment served Hlubik well when it came to broodmare Sheza Dish. The daughter of Majestic Warrior began her career with breeder William Peeples in California in 2013, but came East when she sold for $13,000 at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky's February sale in 2015. For trainer Keith Nations, Sheza Dish won three times at Parx that year, made her last start in August and was purchased by Hlubik as a broodmare prospect with three wins, four seconds, four thirds and $91,630 in earnings.

"I fell for her right away," said Hlubik. "She was by Majestic Warrior, who was a pretty good horse, so that was encouraging. I looked at her and thought, 'She'll make a nice broodmare.' I loved her looks, and she had racehorse heart."

Hlubik sent her to Bourbon Courage on the recommendation of consignor and breeder Becky Davis, and the bay mare passed that racehorse heart to her first foal, Bourbon Bon Bay. Born March 24, 2017, at Tom and Chris Bowman's Dance Forth Farm in Chestertown, the foal bore a resemblance to her mother. Hlubik originally planned to sell, but grew attached, even if it took awhile to get to the races.

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"I decided to let her grow and mature at her own pace, and I'm glad I did," said Hlubik. "She had some conformation issues, and she had to wear corrective shoes for a while."

Eventually, she was ready to begin preparation for her first start, and joined Martin's barn at Parx last year. Late in her 4-year-old season, Bourbon Bon Bay finally made her debut in a 6½-furlong maiden special weight at Parx Nov. 24, 2021. She pressed the early leader, pounced on the turn, and drew away to win by 9¾ lengths. Not long after, Hlubik decided to stay patient and give Bourbon Bon Bay a break.

"I was going to race her in January, but I decided that with the winter weather, I didn't want to train her on a rough, questionable track. She was going to come back in early June, but she started colicking and I had to scratch."

A few weeks later, June 29, Bourbon Bon Bay made her 2022 debut in a 7-furlong allowance – a race Hlubik and Martin chose over a 5½-furlong sprint in hopes of seeing their mare relax early.

Once again, it proved to be a smart move. Bourbon Bon Bay got squeezed between horses not long after the start and was forced to check. She eventually found some space, but was in about the six-path down the backstretch. She made a strong move to the lead on the turn, struck the front under regular rider Jomar Torres and held the lead to the wire. A second-level allowance win Sept. 7, in which she drew off in the stretch despite early pace pressure, improved her record to 3-for-3.

Owner Erin Hlubik greets her husband Ramon Martin, trainer of Bourbon Bon Bay, after the homebred won her fourth straight, the Cornucopia Stakes at Parx.

The next logical step was a race against stakes company, but Hlubik decided against two potential spots in October.

"I do my own galloping, so I know the track well," Hlubik said. "I pick and choose my spots carefully. If I feel it's not a good day, it's not a good day."

Bourbon Bon Bay was entered in the Roamin Rachel Stakes at Parx Oct. 3, but was scratched when the remnants of Hurricane Ian came through the Mid-Atlantic and rendered the track sloppy. A few weeks later, the Maryland Million Distaff at Laurel Park loomed as an option. Hlubik nominated, but she decided against the trip.

"I was not excited about shipping, and she's still inexperienced," she said. "Against a field like [the one in the Distaff], not on her home track, I thought it was too much."

Hlubik was more comfortable giving Bourbon Bon Bay her class test on her home turf, and aimed for the 6½-furlong Cornucopia. It was the biggest test yet, with an 11-horse field including stakes winners Remain Anonymous, Oxana and Sweet Willemina. Bourbon Bon Bay went off at 6.90-1, the co-third choice.

Bourbon Bon Bay's performance validated Hlubik's belief. The mare rated near the pace on the turn and moved toward the front at the top of the stretch under urging from Torres. As she charged home, a host of challengers charged too, but Bourbon Bon Bay repelled them all and hit the wire a length clear of Oxana. It was the first stakes win in Martin's training career, and Hlubik's first stakes victory as an owner or breeder.

As an undefeated stakes winner, Bourbon Bon Bay is an intriguing racing and broodmare prospect. However, Hlubik has no intention of parting with her mare. Friends say, "Sell, sell," but Hlubik would never.

"She and I will grow old together."

The more immediate question for Hlubik is, will Bourbon Bon Bay stay at Parx, or ship in search of bigger prizes? "She loves Parx, and I love to be able to walk out of her own stall and race her right here. I'm not saying I definitely won't ship her, but Parx is our home and I love being able to stay. Maybe later, but it's up to her."

Like all breeders, Hlubik has had to deal with ups and downs. While Bourbon Bon Bay continues her winning ways, her dam succumbed to colic not long after producing a foal in 2019.

"She had issues with her last pregnancy," Hlubik said. "We got a live foal, and we took her and the foal to the vet's clinic not long afterward. Everything went fine, then I got a call four days later saying there were problems. She went into colic surgery, and she didn't make it."

Bourbon Bon Bay carries on, however, and Hlubik will continue to let the horse call the shots.

"She's exceeded what kind of talent I thought she had," Hlubik said. "She loves her job, loves to train, loves to race, and enjoys the attention. She's so special to me."

Parx Notes

Parx hosted a pair of stakes races Oct. 18, both of which went to Pennsylvania-breds. **Buy Land and See** took the M.P. Ballezzi Appreciation Mile against open company. A homebred for Joe Imbesi trained by Guadalupe Preciado, Buy Land and See won three stakes in 2022, also taking the With Anticipation at Penn National June 3 and the Alphabet Soup on the Pennsylvania Derby undercard Sept. 24.

One race later, **Beren** won the Jump Start, restricted to state-breds. It was his second stakes win of his 4-year-old season, following the Frank J. DeFrancis Memorial Dash at Laurel Park July 16, and seventh of his career. The homebred son of Pennsylvania-sire Weigelia races for Susan Quick and Christopher Feifarek, and trainer Butch Reid.

In addition to the Cornucopia, Parx held two other stakes Nov. 23. Virginia-bred **Repo Rocks** got up late to win the Let's Give Thanks by a neck. Bred by Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin III, the multiple graded stakes-placed runner, now 5, owned by Double B Racing Stables got his first stakes win.

Later that day, **Ridin With Biden** won his third stakes of the year when he took the Turkey Trot. The $85,000 purchase at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale of 2020, Ridin With Biden is trained by Reid for Cash is King and LC Racing. He won the Greenwood Cup-G3 on the Pennsylvania Derby undercard Sept. 24 and the Deputed Testamony at Laurel Park July 30.

Silvestre Gonzalez rode his 500th winner Nov. 15, guiding favorite Unimpeachable to victory for Pewter Stable and Spedale Family Racing and trainer Kate DeMasi. Gonzalez began riding in 2015 and is in the midst of a career year. Through Dec. 5, he'd won 126 races from 660 mounts, with earnings of more than $4 million. His 112 wins at Parx through Dec. 5 are good for third in the jockey standings.

New Jersey-bred **Girl Trouble** won the Future Stars filly division for 2-year-olds by 6 lengths Nov. 29 as the odds-on favorite. Bred by Gregory Kilka and Bright View Farm, she's owned by Swilcan Stable and LC Racing and trained by Reid. The stakes was her sixth start of the year and third win. She placed in her other three starts.

One race later, **Winning Time** improved to 2-for-2 with a three-quarter length win in the Pennsylvania Nursery. A homebred for Pewter Stable, Winning Time is trained by DeMasi. He's by Timber Ridge Farm stallion Winchill.

The Future Stars Stakes Dec. 5 went to **Howgreatisnate**. He started his career 4-for-4, including two stakes wins, previously winning the First State Dash at Delaware Park Sept. 29. Bred by B.D. Gibbs Farm, he's owned by Imaginary Stables and trained by Andy Simoff. ■

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SWAYIN TO AND FRO WINS TWO STAKES IN MARYLAND

By John Piassek

South Carolina holds a unique niche in the American racing landscape. There's no pari-mutuel racing, and a scant breeding industry. In 2019, for instance, only 18 South Carolina-breds were registered with The Jockey Club.

The odds of a South Carolina-bred winning one stakes race, let alone two, are pretty remote. Yet, Swayin to and Fro has defied the numbers, winning the Shine Again Stakes at Pimlico Sept. 10 and the Safely Kept Stakes at Laurel Park Nov. 26. By doing so, she became the first South Carolina-bred to win two stakes in a year since 2004, when Intelligent Male won the Claiming Crown Jewel at Canterbury Park and the Sam's Town at Delta Downs.

Swayin to and Fro's story began at Elloree Training Center, owned and operated for decades by Franklin "Goree" Smith. His family has been involved in racing since the 1940s, during South Carolina's heyday as a winter training hub. In a time before year-round racing and training in the northeast, horsemen often looked for warmer climes during the winter. Before the interstate highway system made travel to Florida easier, South Carolina served as a perfect off-season destination.

The grounds that Elloree stands on today used to be the home of Old Palmetto Race Course, which operated during the 1940s. The track was home to one of several short meets used by trainers to get horses back into shape after the winter, and featured betting through bookmakers. In 1947, Strom Thurmond became governor of South Carolina, and with his administration came the end of legalized gambling in the state. Although the Old Palmetto property sat idle for several years, trials and steeplechase meets continued to flourish in other parts of the state. In time, the venue found new life as the home of the Elloree trials, held on the three-quarter-mile oval annually since 1963 but placed on hiatus for 2023.

As one of seven siblings growing up in Lone Star, S.C., Smith got involved in racing early. He grew up on his parents' farm, where his father farmed soybeans and corn and tended to livestock. His father bestowed his lifelong nickname on him, a shortened version of Franklin Gregory.

Older brother John Edward started Goree down the racing path. He rode and trained horses for many years, and eventually established a training base in New England. When Goree and his younger brother Hamilton became teenagers, they would venture to Narragansett Park and Suffolk Downs and walk and gallop horses.

In time, Goree went to New England to train, and sent horses to South Carolina in the winter. Soon, he had a two-part career in racing: training his stock, and boarding and breaking yearlings at his three-eighths mile training track in South Carolina.

As time went on, the operation became so big he needed a larger property. He leased Elloree for a year and purchased it outright in 1976, leaving training to concentrate on his business in South Carolina. Under his watch, Elloree has remained a hub for breaking and training young horses, while also maintaining a small breeding operation.

While Goree tended to business, Hammy picked up the training game in the mid-1970s after several years as a racing official, and has gone on to train more than 2,100 winners with earnings of more than $45.8 million. One of his training successes was Done Talking, a homebred for Skeedattle Associates which purchased second dam, Gin Talking, for $40,000 at the 1998 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale, and campaigned her through an 11-race career which included six stakes wins. In 2000, she was voted Maryland-bred Horse of the Year.

Her first foal, Dixie Talking, won three times in four starts, including an upset win in the 2005 Cicada Stakes at Aqueduct for Skeedattle and trainer Robin Graham. Not long afterward, Dixie Talking sustained a career-ending injury and was retired.

JERRY DZIERWINSKI

Swayin to and Fro galloped in the Safely Kept, her second stakes win of 2022, and seventh win in 13 starts.

She produced Done Talking, whose biggest success came in the 2012 Illinois Derby-G3. With that win, he punched his ticket to the Kentucky Derby-G1, giving Smith his lone starter in the race. He finished 14th and was winless in his next seven starts before retiring to Elloree in 2014, where he stands. He's far and away the most popular stallion in South Carolina. In 2022, 26 mares were bred to stallions in the Palmetto State – Done Talking covered 24.

Done Talking's "cousin" Straight Talking, by Dixieland Band, was injured before he could race, much to Goree's dismay. "He was a big horse, bigger than Done Talking, and faster, too. He had a lot more raw talent." Nonetheless, he found a home at Elloree and stood there from 2010 until he passed from colic in 2019. He was the leading sire in South Carolina from 2015-17. One of the mares in his final book, an unraced daughter of Warrior's Reward, produced Swayin to and Fro April 4, 2019. From the start, Goree sensed she could be something special.

"She had a spirit about her. You knew that she was a fighter. All of her siblings are the same way." Swayin to and Fro prepared for the races at Elloree, then shipped up West Virginia.

Originally trained by Marion Cuttino, Swayin to and Fro started in a 4½-furlong maiden special weight at Charles Town Oct. 21, 2021. She went off at 62-1 and finished fifth. Next out at Mountaineer Nov. 10, she rallied for third. She spent the winter at Elloree and joined Hammy's barn in Maryland. She made her 3-year-old debut in a $16,000 maiden claiming race at Pimlico May 26. She attracted the eye of trainer Mario Serey Jr.

"I'm a claiming guy. I like looking for good horses. I look at a lot of things, including the breeding," he said. "It's a lot of work, but it pays off. She ran well at Mountaineer and Charles Town. I watched the replays, and I noticed she had a nice body and I thought she was worth a shot for $16,000."

Serey dropped the claim slip in and got his filly for Baxter Racing Stable.

That claim looked like a bargain before Swayin to and Fro even hit the finish line. She rated off the pace, struck the front on the turn and pulled away by 8¼ lengths late after 6 furlongs in 1:11.14. Serey thought he had a potential stakes horse.

"I knew from the beginning. I knew she had a lot of potential and a lot of class. When you see her, you can see her heart. I knew she had a lot of potential, and I was excited."

Swayin to and Fro quickly worked up the class ladder. She won a pair of starter-optional claiming races at Laurel Park in June, then up into a first-level allowance and won that July 2. In a second-level optional claimer Aug. 6, she handled a field of mostly older fillies and mares to improve to 5-for-5 on the year.

Swayin to and Fro's busy campaign was by design. Serey rarely gives his horses timed workouts, preferring to race them into shape.

"I run really quickly because that's my style," he said. "In my native Chile, they run two or three times a week, so it's what I know. If you run them often, they stay in shape and you don't have to breeze them. I gallop her every so often, but she stays in shape by running."

Following her fifth win, Swayin to and Fro received her class test in the Seeking the Pearl Stakes at Colonial Downs Aug. 16. Facing another field of older horses, including six stakes winners, Swayin to and Fro ended up fifth.

Undeterred, Serey pressed on to the Shine Again at Pimlico Sept. 10. The 5-2 second choice had to call on the heart Goree and Serey knew she had. She dueled with favored Oxana, but under regular rider Grant Whitacre fended off her foe and won by a neck.

Swayin to and Fro lost her next three starts, but rebounded in the Safely Kept. She broke well from the inside and went straight to the front. At the top of the stretch, three rivals loomed to her outside, but she shrugged them off and won by 3½ lengths.

Through Dec. 18, Swayin to and Fro was one of 37 horses in North America with at least seven wins in 2022. She was looking for her eighth win in the Dec. 26 Willa On the Move Stakes at Laurel. Since the claim, she'd earned $229,000. She still has work to do to catch Big Rut, the all-time leading South Carolina-bred earner with $570,488, but if she keeps running like she did in 2022, she has a shot.

For Goree, it's been a thrill seeing one his homebreds find success, and there's more in the pipeline. Swayin to and Fro's half-sister, Silent Swinger, by Done Talking, placed in one of three starts and finished fourth in the other two last year at 2.

"She's a nice, big, good-looking filly. I'm looking forward to getting her back up there."

Jungle Lady also has an unnamed 2-year-old by Done Talking whom Goree is equally enthusiastic about.

"He'll be up in Maryland with Hammy soon. He has the same spirit as Swayin to and Fro."

Another homebred, Alas and Alack, a daughter of Done Talking out of homebred Havin' a Moan, won twice in 2022, most recently a $12,500 claiming race at Laurel Dec. 11.

Laurel Park Notes

Laurel hosted three stakes Nov. 12. The Smart Halo Stakes, for 2-year-old fillies, went to **Twice as Sweet** for trainer Brendan Walsh and owner/breeder Godolphin.

Later that day, locally based **Recruiter** won the James F. Lewis III Stakes for 2-year-olds as the 13-10 favorite to stay undefeated in three starts. Bred by Beth Bayer in Florida, he's trained by Cal Lynch, who co-owns with Nick Sanna Stables.

The Elkstone Group LLC's **Hybrid Eclipse**, sent out by Brittany Russell, capped the stakes action with a victory in the Thirty Eight Go Go. It was the third win of her 4-year-old season, and second stakes, after taking the Caesar's Wish on the Laurel main track in July.

Two of Laurel's top riders missed time with injury. **Jeiron Barbosa** was injured in a fall at Parx Nov. 8 and missed a week, returning to riding at Laurel Nov. 18. **Sheldon Russell** was unseated leaving the gate at Laurel Nov. 19 and was out of commission until Dec. 2. Through Dec. 19, Barbosa led the fall jockey standings with 44 wins, while Russell was tied for fifth with 21. **Brittany Russell** led the trainers with 28 wins, seven more than Jamie Ness.

Sire **Great Notion** swept the Maryland-bred/sired stakes Nov. 25 as Mopo Racing's **Alwaysinahurry** won the Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial and **Fille d'Esprit** won the Politely Stakes for fillies and mares. Claimed for $10,000 by C J I Phoenix Group and No Guts No Glory Farm two years ago, Fille d'Esprit improved to 12-5-2 from 23 starts with earnings of $598,381.

Laurel hosted two other stakes Nov. 26 in addition to the Safely Kept. **Little Vic** rallied up the rail to win the City of Laurel for owner Victoria's Ranch and trainer Juan Avila. Carlos Olivero had the winning mount for his first stakes win since 2015.

Armando R rallied from off the pace to win the Richard W. Small, his second stakes win at Laurel this year. He won the Japan Turf Cup Oct. 1, for owner Ronald Cuneo and trainer Damon Dilodovico. Maryland-breds Ournationonparade and Cordmaker finished second and third, respectively, with the latter passing $1 million in earnings.

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Forever Young

TRAINER WINS 37 JUMP RACES TO CAPTURE FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP

By Paul Halloran

Four years ago, the last thing Leslie Young was thinking about was winning a National Steeplechase Association training title. Her husband and top jockey, Paddy, was coming off a traumatic brain injury and she was down to 14 horses in her barn. The immediate goal was simply to stay in business.

"I wondered how I was going to survive," Young said. "I lost my jockey and I lost my husband as I knew him. The injury was really hard and he was a different person. I lost a lot of horses because people didn't think I could handle it."

Young understood the trepidation to a degree, but that doesn't mean she liked it.

"I was upset. I wanted to prove everyone wrong and that I could do it on my own," she said. "He and I built the racing stable together and I had to keep it going."

DOUGLAS LEES

Young went into 2022 with the goal of winning the steeplechase training title, which she lost to Jack Fisher on the final day of the 2021 season. She felt she had the quantity – 51 horses, an all-time high – and the quality, led by the ageless Andi'amu (Fr) and proven stakes competitor Redicean (GB).

"I had high hopes," said Young. "In 2021 we almost got it done. We had a few heavy hitters coming back off layoffs and I pushed hard to get more horses in the barn. I thought if I didn't do it this year, I may never get it done. I was on a mission."

Mission accomplished.

Young finished the year with 37 wins, four more than Keri Brion, who had the most earnings with $1,106,050. Fisher checked in third with 22 wins. Young's horses came within $5,900 of earning $1 million, but the elusive title left her feeling like a million bucks.

"This is something we wanted and pushed for," Young said, "and it all came together."

It couldn't have happened without Andi'amu, a 12-year-old French-bred who won the timber championship with four wins, two seconds and $151,800 in earnings in six starts. It was the second timber title for the gelding, who has won 14 races and more than $500,000 in a career that started in 2012. Racing for Ballybristol Farm, Andi'amu was good enough to place in two Grade 1 stakes over hurdles but blossomed into a star over timber. The veteran won the 4-mile Virginia Gold Cup in 2019 and 2022 and counts six other stakes scores on his timber report card.

Young got off to a quick start to the 2022 season thanks to her timber horses, and made the lead stand up. In addition to Andi'amu's two division titles, Tomgarrow (Ire) won the 2021 timber championship for Young.

"He's an amazing horse to be around," said Young, who won 15 timber races in 2022, of Andi'amu. "He loves his job. He had a tendon injury in 2019 and we were patient with him. He had a [22-month] layoff, but he came back like Rocky Balboa."

Sharon Sheppard's Redicean gave Young her only graded stakes win of the year, taking the David Semmes Memorial-G2 at Great Meadow, as well as the Appleton Stakes at Far Hills. Young bought Redicean in England in 2018 and the now 9-year-old gelding has logged half of his 10 wins in her care.

"He's such a cool horse," she said. "He is sound and lovely to be around."

There is definitely strength in numbers and Young knows she likely couldn't have won her first training title without having access to the revamped Ashwell Stable in Unionville, Pa., Hall of Famer Jonathan Sheppard's former farm that was purchased in 2021 by James and Jean Potter of England and Walter Puddifer. Young and the new owners updated the 64-acre spread's 5-furlong track with a new wood-chip surface and running rails, a EuroXciser free walker, renovated stalls and new round pens.

Young was able to more than double the stall space at Ashwell, where she got her start galloping horses for Sheppard in the summer of 1989. She was on break from Oldfields School in Maryland, where she was a classmate of Helen Pitts, Curlin's original trainer. When Young went back to school, she worked weekends for Fisher.

Young went on to the University of Lynchburg, where she played lacrosse and field hockey. After working as a physical therapist's aide for four years, the lure of racing pulled her back – following in the footsteps of her father Dominick Falini, who had been an amateur jockey – and galloping for Sheppard.

"My dad said I was shoveling manure with my $250,000 education, but horses are my passion," Young said. "You have to love what you do and how could you not, working for Jonathan, a Hall of Fame trainer. He is such an interesting person, super intelligent and always hands-on. He was the master of figuring out horses and keeping them happy."

Paddy Young came to the United States from Ireland in 2003 to take a summer job. He and Leslie met at Sheppard's. She took him to Maryland to meet Fisher and they teamed up to win some of the steeplechase circuit's most important races.

Leslie took out her trainer's license in 2007 after veterinarian Mark Cheney asked her if she wanted to take on a Silverton Hill Farm-owned horse named More Fascination, 1-for-7 on the flat for trainer Darrin Miller at the time.

"Paddy and I started with one horse," she said, expressing gratitude to Bonnie and Tom Hamilton of Silverton Hill for the opportunity.

As they built up the stable, Paddy became a five-time NSA champion jockey, with 198 career wins over jumps and more than $5.5 million in earnings. Every jockey who has ever gotten a leg up realizes the next ride could be his last and that's what happened to Paddy Young on May 20, 2017, when his mount, Kings Apollo (GB), fell and a horse that tried to jump over him ran into Young. The jockey suffered a fractured skull, damage to the frontal lobe of his brain, which controls emotions and speech, a collapsed lung and broken C7 vertebrae. He was in a coma for almost two weeks and intensive care for a month.

"Once Paddy got hurt, I wanted to prove I could do it," Leslie said. "I had to figure out a way to survive. It was make-or-break time."

She may have bent, but never broke and now she is a champion, having won races at 18 meets in 2022. Young finished second in the trainers' standings in 2015 and 2021 and third in 2019 and 2020. This was her time.

"It feels like a weight was lifted off my shoulders," said Young, who shared credit with assistants Brianne Slater and Timmy Wyatt, as well as Paddy, who still helps out around the barn. "It's kind of surreal."

Apropos of the ups and downs she has experienced, the Young-trained Song for Someone (Ger) won the Noel Laing Stakes at Montpelier by 10 lengths Nov. 5, only to suffer a heart attack and die shortly after the race. Owned by Gill Johnston, the 7-year-old had joined Young's stable in mid-season after a standout career in England.

Two races later, she won a maiden claimer, her 36th win of the year. Thirty-seven came at the last meet of the year, at Charleston, where a year earlier she went 0-for-6 and watched Fisher win two races to claim the title, 17 wins to 15. There would be no such disappointment in 2022, a year in which she cleared the ultimate hurdle.

NOTES: Young and Brion each topped 30 wins on the year, a rare figure to reach. Since 1996, only three champion trainers hit that mark – Fisher with 37 in 2019 and Sanna Neilson with 32 in 2005 . . . Brion's $1 million season is just the sixth in the NSA history (Fisher has the other five), and Young missed joining the exclusive club by less than $6,000 . . . Young, Brion and Fisher dominated the programs with 153, 144 and 107 starters, respectively, in 2022. No other trainer had more than 63 starts and Mark Beecher was fourth by wins with eight (from 49 starts). ■

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Numbers Game

JUMP RACING SHOWCASES QUALITY IN RETURN TO FULL SLATE

By Sean Clancy

The 2022 National Steeplechase Association season began in Aiken, S.C. in March and finished in Charleston, S.C. in November. In between, the tour made another 41 stops, bouncing through another nine states on its way to recovery from two years of Covid backlash.

As always, there were highs and lows, certainties and surprises, achievements and disappointments.

A look at the 2022 season by the numbers covers many bases, horses, people and places.

1 One start by Eclipse Award winner The Mean Queen (Ire) in 2022. The now 7-year-old mare missed the entire spring season and caught one novice stakes in September, finishing second by a head at Aqueduct. Owned by Pennsylvania's Buttonwood Farm and trained at Fair Hill Training Center by Keri Brion, the Irish-bred almost made the Grade 1 Iroquois in May and was using the Aqueduct race as a prep for an October try in the American Grand National-G1 at Far Hills. It wasn't meant to be.

TOD MARKS

The Mean Queen returns to the barn after her only 2022 start, at Aqueduct.

She left a big hole at the top, which was duly filled by the likes of Snap Decision, Down Royal, Noah And The Ark (Ire) and Hewick (Ire). That group swept the five Grade 1 stakes during the season – and put on a show – but The Mean Queen would have added plenty of power. The six-time hurdle winner turns the page and looks ahead to 2023.

"She's on vacation at Buttonwood now and she'll be back next year. Her start date will be determined after an exam at the beginning of the year," Brion said in December. "It was the start of a tendon injury. It was very peculiar as it wasn't a bow but the tearing to an area quite low that popped up right before she worked for Far Hills. It's totally irrelevant to her setback in the spring which she's healed 100 percent from. We're not taking any chances and she will have ample time for this to be resolved."

2 Six-time champion owner Irv Naylor finished second in the NSA standings with $423,100. Bigger than that, he edged ever closer to the Beamonesque $9 million of Augustin Stable, which hasn't been seen on the circuit since 2018. With his far-reaching stable, Naylor looms $614,879 behind the all-time leader. Perspective? Bill Pape, who did not have a runner in 2021, sits third, more than $3 million behind Naylor. Gillian Johnston, fourth on the all-time list, enjoyed a solid campaign with more than $200,000 in earnings to ascend the $4 million mark in her career. Naylor's 2022 included Saratoga novice winner Howyabud (Ire), the Grade 1-placed Chief Justice (GB) and spring novice winner Scorpion's Revenge (Ire).

TOD MARKS

Irv Naylor's Howyabud shows the way in Saratoga stakes win.

3 Leslie Young became the third female trainer to be crowned champion. The Pennsylvanian produced 37 wins to join Sanna Neilson and Janet Elliot as the only women to win the races-won title. Young's 37 wins were the most since Jack Fisher's 37 in 2019 and her 153 starters were the most since Fisher's 153 in 2004. Young staved off Brion (33 wins) while 14-time champion and Hall of Famer Fisher won 22.

DOUGLAS LEES

"We really have nice horses, if we didn't have them, we wouldn't have anything," Young said over the summer.

Timber star Andi'amu (Fr) and hurdle stakes winner Redicean (GB) topped the $100,000 mark for Young while old standbys Bodes Well (Ire) and Court Ruler (Ire) each won three times.

4 Song for Someone (Ger) made four starts, saving his best for last when dominating the Noel Laing Stakes over the brush course at Montpelier. Unfortunately, it was his last start as the likeable British import died from a ruptured aorta or other large vessel immediately after the race. There wasn't a dry eye in the place.

5 Irish raider Hewick drew post five in the Grand National and trounced eight rivals in the biggest race of the year. Rated 167 in Ireland, the 7-year-old toyed with America's best, winning by 11½ lengths over Noah And The Ark and Ask Paddington (Ire). Owned by TJ McDonald, trained by John "Shark" Hanlon and ridden by 21-year-old Jordan Gainford, Hewick won for the eighth time and pushed his earnings to over $500,000.

TOD MARKS

Irish raider Hewick sets sail in the Grade 1 Grand National.

And the $1,000 purchase is far from finished.

Hanlon is aiming at the Cheltenham Gold Cup in March and another foray to Far Hills in the fall.

"I had it in mind for a good while. The prize money ($250,000) is brilliant. When you have a horse good enough, you bring him. This horse will be minded, and you'll see him again next year. That's my plan," Hanlon said. "It's unreal. I'm after having winners everywhere, we've had no winner in Cheltenham yet, but we could have a Gold Cup in mind. He's a good horse, I'd say he would go straight for a Gold Cup."

6 In his rookie season, Proven Innocent placed sixth on the earnings list after upsetting last year's champion The Mean Queen in the William Entenmann Novice at Aqueduct in September. Owned by Bruton Street-US, trained by Jack Fisher and ridden by Jamie Bargary, the champion novice won three of six for $130,700 and contributed to Bruton Street's owner championshp, its fourth in the past six years. Bred in Kentucky by Marylander Stuart Janney III, the now 5-year-old son of Blame won once in five flat starts for trainer Shug McGaughey before joining Fisher's string as a steeplechase prospect late in 2021.

TOD MARKS

Proven Innocent (left) edges The Mean Queen to win by a nose at Aqueduct.

7 Vintage Vinnie (Ire) lowered his Maryland Hunt Cup course record by 7⅗ seconds in April. In 2021, the performance was fast, erratic and cringe worthy. In 2022, it was faster and awe inspiring. Owned by Armata Stable, trained in Maryland by Joe Davies and ridden by apprentice Teddy Davies, Vintage Vinnie was flawless, putting his rivals and the chart caller to the sword, opening by as far as 88 lengths and coasting home after 4 miles in 8:15.

ROBERT KELLER

Vintage Vinnie and Teddy Davies fly a fence in their Maryland Hunt Cup win.

8 The 8-year-old queen, Down Royal, beat the boys twice, including the Grade 1 A.P. Smithwick at Saratoga.

TOD MARKS

Down Royal wins the Grade 1 A.P. Smithwick at Saratoga.

Owned by Joe Fowler Jr., trained in Camden, S.C. by Kate Dalton and ridden by her husband, Bernie, the New York-bred mare won three of four races to earn the filly and mare championship and finish second in the year-end standings.

"She's on her way to Kentucky to be bred," Kate Dalton said at the end of the season. "What a story."

The Daltons were leaning toward sending the seven-time winner to 2019 champion sprinter Mitole.

9 In the upset of the year, Noah And The Ark walloped Snap Decision – while in receipt of 28 pounds from the handicapper – by 9 lengths in the Lonesome Glory-G1 at Aqueduct in September. Owned by Keystone Thoroughbreds and trained by Pennsylvanian Todd McKenna, the now 9-year-old backed up the 41-1 upset with a second behind Hewick in the Grand National. McKenna and Keystone enjoyed a stellar year with a limited stable, adding the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup with 13-year-old timber horse Mystic Strike.

TOD MARKS

Todd McKenna leads Noah And The Ark to the winner's circle after his Grade 1 Lonesome Glory upset at Aqueduct.

The Lonesome Glory was McKenna's first Grade 1 triumph as a trainer, and he didn't give the horse much chance while talking things over with jockey Harrison Beswick on the drive to New York.

"If we win, we're going to take Noah And The Ark to Times Square and we're going to ride him around," Beswick declared while stuck in traffic.

"You can say that all you want," McKenna replied, "because we're not going to win."

They didn't make the trek to Times Square, but trainer and jockey celebrated with champagne in the horsemen's lounge afterward and chalked up the win to taking a chance with a fresh horse.

"I was really doubting myself and thought to myself, 'This horse all summer in the fields – he has been absolutely flying around the fields – like a monster,' " McKenna said. "He came into the race perfectly, he's really grown up. I'm like, 'What's the worst thing that can happen?' And here we are. We know what the best thing is."

10 A perfect 10 to Bodes Well, winner of three cross-country races on the season for Young, jockey Tom Garner and Silverton Hill Farm. A specialist in a specialist's sphere, the son of Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) is a joy to watch run and jump.

DOUGLAS LEES

Bodes Well flashes his form in the Steeplethon at Great Meadow.

11 Recognizing an alarming lack of home-grown talent among the jockey ranks, the NSA, Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation, Steeplechase Owners and Trainers Association and several others devoted time and money to an apprentice program a few years ago. In 2022, 11 apprentices won races on the NSA circuit. Parker Hendriks, Freddie Procter, Brett Owings, Virginia Korrell, Teddy Davies, Mell Boucher, Elizabeth Scully, Jamie Neild, Alex Leventhal, Colin Smith and Jack Gilligan continued their blossoming careers. If we missed one, let us know.

12 At the ripe young age of 12, timber horse Andi'amu produced a season of beauty with four wins and two seconds in six starts. Trained by Young for Ballybristol Farm, the French-bred won the Virginia Gold Cup and the International Gold Cup to earn his second timber championship. With $151,800 in 2022, Andi'amu moved to 18th on the career earnings list, between free-wheeling Preemptive Strike and the free-spirited Mr. Hot Stuff.

DOUGLAS LEES

Andi'amu skips over a fence in the International Gold Cup.

13 Unlucky. Decisive Triumph, the hardest-trying 9-year-old, earned $50,000 in six winless starts. Owned by Holwood Stable and trained in Maryland by Mark Beecher, the son of Kitten's Joy earned checks in each of his stakes starts from Camden to Charlotte, Saratoga to Far Hills.

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Decisive Triumph jumps in the Kiser at Saratoga, one of four stakes-placings on the year.

14 Sandra Webb won her first race as a trainer in 2022 when Seizing the Dream captured a maiden claimer by 14¼ lengths at Callaway Gardens in Georgia Nov. 5. Long an assistant to Fisher, Webb went out on her own in the summer and earned h er first win with the former Jimmy Toner runner.

15 Young won 15 timber races during the year. Once a specialist's game, the timber prism decided a title in 2022. Brion trained one timber winner while Fisher produced five.

16 Colonial Downs hosted 16 jump races (plus a $50,000 flat race for horses who had started over hurdles at the meet) during the summer. The Virginia oval joined Saratoga in contributing a cool $1.5 million distributed at racetracks in 2022.

17 Snap Decision's string of 17 first- and second-place finishes was snapped in the American Grand National when he finished sixth. Owned by Bruton Street-US, trained by Fisher and ridden by Graham Watters, the son of Hard Spun began his hurdle career in April 2019 and put together a string of 11 wins and six seconds over hurdles through September 2022. He won two of the five Grade 1 stakes in 2022, the Iroquois in May and the Jonathan Sheppard (while toting 164 pounds) in August. He shouldered 168 when second at Aqueduct in September and came up empty in Hewick's October romp at Far Hills. The now 9-year-old took the earnings title with $220,000, leaping past stablemate Scorpiancer (Ire) and behind Rowdy Irishman as the 10th leading earner in history with $642,900.

TOD MARKS

Snap Decision wings the last fence in the Grade 1 Iroquois in May.

18 Parker Hendriks began the season as an 18-year-old apprentice. He finished it as champion. More numbers – he's the second champion jockey in the Hendriks family, following his father, Ricky, winner of titles in 1986-87. His mother, Sanna Neilson, won two training titles and rode the winners of the Colonial Cup, Maryland Hunt Cup and Virginia Gold Cup. Parker is the first American-born champion since Danielle Hodsdon in 2006 and the youngest since Jonathan Kiser in 1999.

TOD MARKS

An apprentice to start 2022, Parker Hendriks won the NSA title.

Riding first-call for the first time for the high-octane Brion barn after Richie Condon was injured in Ireland, Hendriks won two races on the first weekend of the season, secured the Carolina Cup on the second, doubled at Tryon, doubled at Middleburg and tripled at Queen's Cup to start the season. From there, he kept the heat on to win 25 races, six better than Procter and 10 more than last year's champion, Watters, who tied for third with Garner.

"It just worked out. I've been working for Keri for just about three years. Last winter, we were jogging away and it just worked out where I found myself in the first-call position. It's pretty unreal," Hendriks said. "We never had a real specific conversation, she said it casually twice that I would be riding the majority of the horses. It just developed from there. Me and Richie were sharing the rides, he was riding the better ones, when he got hurt, I had to step in and ride everything she had. It worked out, we had three winners and everything ran really well. It showed that I was capable and that I wouldn't fold under pressure."

19 Freddie Procter clicked at an impossible 38 percent, winning 19 races from 50 starts. That win total would have earned a championship in six of the previous 10

TOD MARKS

Freddie Procter had 19 wins, and won at a 38-percent clip.

seasons. Riding predominantly for Young, Procter came over from England to fill a need in the spring timber races, lost his apprentice allowance during the season and partnered timber champion Andi'amu to four stakes wins.

20 Moscato (GB) retired at age 11 after 20 starts over hurdles. The 2020 champion fell in the Grand National, signaling the end to a stellar career. With a third in Temple Gwathmey and a fourth in the Iroquois in his other two 2022 starts, he passed Decoy Daddy (Ire), Slip Away, Romantic and Spy in the Sky on the all-time earnings list.

21 Trainer Laird George returned to the winner's circle for the first time in 21 years when Clarke Ohrstrom's Mr. Bridger won a handicap hurdle at Foxfield in April. A longtime assistant for Richard Valentine, George was in the winner's circle with champion Demonstrative and countless others, but hadn't trained a winner of his own since 2001 when Helen Groves' homebred Brusca took a maiden at Delaware Park.

22 In 2022, American jump racing bounced back from two Covid-restricted seasons. Purses grew to $5,546,700, the sixth highest in history and an increase of more than $1.5 million from 2021. In addition to purses, fans flocked back to the races, bolstering race meets which had been knocked around after two uncertain years. Here's to 2023. ■

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— Broker's Tip —

BY RICK ABBOTT

January brings early rhythm

Continuing the theme from last month, let's talk about January as it pertains to life on a busy farm and sales agency.

Various state breeders' organizations have residency or domicile requirements stating that a mare must reside in the state for a certain period prior to foaling in order for her foal to qualify for state-bred registration. Pennsylvania's rules state that, if a mare is intended to be bred to an out-of-state stallion after foaling, she must be domiciled in the Commonwealth by Dec. 1 and stay there continuously until she foals. She is then free to go out of state to be re-bred.

Most of our clients preferred to patronize out-of-state stallions. Many went to Kentucky after foaling and some remained with us to be bred "off the van" to horses in Maryland and other eastern states. All had to be on the farm by December which, in some years, amounted to a mare population of 50 or more horses. Added to this were the maiden or open mares as well as newly turned yearlings. This made January a time when the farm would be bursting at the seams when winter weather made every chore a chore.

Many horses lived outside in large run-in sheds, so stall cleaning was no worse than in other seasons, but getting to and from the pastures to feed twice daily as well as dealing with frozen waterers could make life miserable for those tasked with those jobs. Believe me, everyone was so tasked.

Early January is a matter of fighting a holding action and counting the days until March. Plopped right in the middle of this appears the Keeneland January sale. The January sale is an amalgam of the world's other sales crammed into four, often brutally cold, days in the second week of the month. The sale includes just turned yearlings, broodmares, broodmare prospects, horses of racing age, and even a few stallions and just turned 2-year-olds.

I always found the sale to be an ideal place to sell broodmare prospects and "short" yearlings which might have been lost in the shuffle of the much larger November sale. Since it's only four days, there are no "bad" sessions and, with the breeding sheds getting ready to open, there is enthusiasm for maiden mares which have been under lights and are beginning to cycle. The weather can be a problem, especially for shipping from the East Coast, so we always planned to ship a day early so we had a fallback plan if necessary.

Bad weather never seemed to dampen the attendance or the bidding. Many years ago, when we had nothing to sell in January, Mark McDermott (executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association) and I decided to fly down for the sale. We landed in the middle of an ice storm so bad that we couldn't rent the car we had reserved. There were no taxis available so we had to walk from the airport to the sales pavilion. As we slipped and fell numerous times on our walk from the airport, one thing that sustained us was the thought that the crowd would be thin and we would cherry-pick some bargains. After an hour's trek we arrived to a pavilion as packed as Churchill Downs on Derby Day. It seemed that everyone had the same thoughts. There were no bargains.

In 2007 we organized and sold the horses for the estate of F. Eugene "Fitz" Dixon Jr. at the January sale. I had been asked by Mrs. Dixon and the estate to organize the complete dispersal of the stable. I felt, and the attorneys agreed, that selling all of the horses in one sale shortly after Mr. Dixon's death was the most expeditious manner of dispersal. Charlton acted as agent for 32 horses boarding at our farm and horses in training with Dr. John R.S. "Johnny" Fisher and Claiborne Farm handled the 52 horses boarded there as well as those trained by Michael Matz. The dispersal grossed $5,836,500 topped by the graded stakes-winning Caerleon mare Solvig pregnant to Afleet Alex at $750,000. Solvig, as it turned out, is the most expensive horse Charlton ever sold. Obviously, my love for the January sale was cemented that day.

Shortly after the January sale, the serious business begins. Early foaling dates are the Holy Grail for breeders whose horses are destined to be sold at weanling or yearling sales.

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Generally, the breeding sheds open Feb. 15 to lessen the chances that a mare will foal in December. As most readers will know, Jan. 1 is the universal birthdate for all Northern Hemisphere Thoroughbreds. If a mare delivers in December, her foal will be considered a yearling within days of its birth. Average gestation is 345 days. Mares bred in February will deliver in January so the second half of the month becomes the beginning of the long slog of foaling season.

Foaling stalls need to be prepared; supplies and equipment need to be stockpiled; employees need a refresher on foaling procedures; and the night watch begins. At the same time, open mares under lights need to be teased every other day to track their estrus cycle. All of this takes place while dealing with cold, snow and ice. Foaling begins and these first foals of the year must be monitored constantly. As I've written before, when foals become ill they stop nursing, dehydrate quickly and can be dead in a matter of hours. Keeping them warm and dry goes a long way, but vigilance is the most important ingredient in the recipe of success during the winter months of foaling season. Success is measured in bushy-tailed foals tearing around a paddock as the calendar turns. ■

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Dreaming Big

Undefeated colt Post Time storms into 2023

By John Piassek and Cindy Deubler

Jim McCue

Post Time made the Maryland Juvenile Championship his third victory in as many starts.

It's been 57 years since Kauai King became the lone Maryland-bred to win the Kentucky Derby, in 1966. And 40 years have passed since a Maryland-bred won a Triple Crown race, that being Caveat in the 1983 Belmont Stakes (the same year Deputed Testamony won the Preakness). The last to race in the Derby was Homeboykris, who finished 16th in 2010.

While the Triple Crown is still a long way away, Maryland-bred Post Time is making people dream big. The gray son of Frosted was impressive in three starts at Laurel Park in 2022, capping his season with a victory in the Maryland Juvenile Championship Dec. 3. His dominant wins, local connections, and running style made him stand out, as he appears to be coasting toward the title of champion Maryland-bred 2-year-old.

Owner Ellen Charles, who races as Hillwood Stable, has deep Maryland roots. Her parents were involved in Maryland racing for decades; her

Jim McCue

Bourbon Courage's daughter Malibu Moonshine won the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship in her second start.

mother, Adelaide Riggs, as an owner and breeder, and her father, Merrall MacNeille, as a racing official. Her maternal grandmother, Marjorie Merriweather Post, founded and owned the Hillwood Estate in Washington, D.C., which Charles served as the director of for 25 years. Charles herself got involved in ownership two decades ago and has campaigned such Maryland stars as Cordmaker, Bandbox and Phlash Phelps.

Post Time caught Charles' eye at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale in 2021, on the advice of Cary Frommer.

"He wasn't as large as some of the other yearlings in the contingent, but I watched a video of him, and he caught my eye," said Charles. "A bunch of colts were running around in a group, and all of a sudden he split through them and ran clear."

Charles was also attracted to his breeding. Bred by Tom and Chris Bowman, their son Dr. Brooke Bowman and longtime partner Milton Higgins III, the colt is out of Vielsalm (by Fairbanks), a stakes winner and graded stakes-placed turf runner who earned $329,285. Her dam, Merriweather, shares a name with Charles' grandmother, another sign that she should buy the colt. Consigned by Becky Davis, Post Time joined Hillwood for $85,000.

He found his way into the barn of Brittany Russell.

"I really liked this colt, and I knew a lot of people liked him." said Russell. "It was really neat that I ended up getting him. I was the lucky phone call."

Post Time joined Russell's barn in the spring, and she could tell he was a runner.

"He went right to work, and he was very forward from the beginning," said Russell. "He was a bit high-energy, to say the least, but took to training very quickly. I had to start throttling him back a bit, because I didn't want him to use up too much of his energy in the morning."

Russell planned to have her husband, Laurel jockey Sheldon, get on the colt. However, exercise rider Eric Camacho, planted a different seed.

A mainstay of the Maryland jockey colony for more than a decade, he won the Laurel winter meet title in 2005 and had 787 wins between 2004 and 2016 with purse earnings of more than $15.6 million. When business dwindled, he quit riding races and galloped in the mornings. He took on Post Time.

"[Post Time] was entered to race with Sheldon aboard, but he was scratched," said Russell. "In the time between then and his eventual debut, he got a bit more rambunctious. Eric told me that whoever rides this horse in the afternoon should get on in the morning first, and I said, 'Why don't you ride him?'"

Post Time made his debut in a turf 5½-furlong maiden special weight at Laurel Oct. 7. Russell wasn't concerned about a surface switch to the dirt after several days of rain, and as it turned out, he took to dirt just fine. The colt made a four-wide move at the top of the stretch, and got by early leader Landon Jack despite drifting in the stretch.

Post Time reappeared 20 days later in a first-level allowance. He made his 2-1 odds look like a bargain as he rallied on the turn to hit the lead at the top of the stretch. Once again, he drifted out, then in while clear of the field. He hit the line 6¾ lengths in front to validate his debut.

The Maryland Juvenile put the racing scene on notice. Camacho, who does not ride any horses in the afternoon except Post Time, kept the mount and received simple instructions: just sit on him. Camacho kept Post Time off the pace early, then nudged him to go on the turn. At the top of the stretch, Post Time moved by pacesetter Johnyz From Albany, fresh off a vic-

tory in the Maryland Million Nursery, and opened up without Camacho using the whip. Post Time kept a straight path down the stretch, and won by 3¾ lengths.

"He takes some time to get going, and then all of a sudden you see that white cap, and he goes into a gear that's just amazing." said Charles. "He has an effortless way of moving. It's exciting for everyone."

Charles and Russell acknowledge the bond Camacho and Post Time share.

"They're a team," said Charles. "It's a special relationship. Why would you want to go to another jockey?"

Russell concurs.

"If he's gonna act up in the afternoon, you want someone who knows the horse on him. Eric's been great with him."

As of Dec. 6, Post Time was listed at 100-1 in the Kentucky Derby Future Book at Caesar's in Las Vegas. His connections will keep their expectations grounded.

"After three races, you don't know a lot about him." said Charles. "He'll probably run next in another stakes in Maryland, and if he runs well there, we'll consider a race in New York. But there's a whole lot up in the air, we don't want to get ahead of ourselves."

Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship

One race prior to Post Time's win, Malibu Moonshine picked up her first stakes victory in her second start in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship.

Owned by Happy Face Racing Stable and based in New York with trainer Charlie Baker, the daughter of Anchor and Hope Farm stallion Bourbon Courage shipped to Pimlico for her debut Sept. 11, where she came from behind on a sloppy track to win going away. She was entered in the Maryland Million Lassie next, but was scratched the morning of the race.

"I was terribly disappointed with her missing the Maryland Million because I love the Maryland Million and I was getting all set to go," said breeder Dr. Ronald Harris Parker. "She was the favorite but she ended up scratched because she had a temperature that day up in New York. She was chalk in that race. I don't know if she would have won it but she certainly would have contended."

Malibu Moonshine resumed training at Belmont Park, and was ready to go for her second start. She again faced a wet track and was favored in a field of 10. Under Angel Cruz, she rated along the rail, angled out and struck the front in the stretch to pull clear by 2 lengths over Fast Tracked after 7 furlongs in 1:24.95. Lassie winner Chickieness finished fourth.

"I think she handled the slop great today," Baker told the MJC press office after the race. "Whatever she wins on, that's OK. Definitely, I think the longer she goes the better she'll [be]."

Parker, who has homes in Long Beach, Calif. and Rehoboth Beach, Del., has made it to Maryland for both races. He credits luck, and the prep his horses get with Todd and Amanda Beattie in Pennsylvania.

"[The Beatties] do an excellent job with developing the horses," he said. "Most of the credit should go to those folks and the present trainers."

And Parker shakes his head when thinking about the filly's early life.

"A storm came up on the farm and she tried to jump the fence," he recounted of his then yearling. "We had to take her to New Bolton. It was a catastrophic event at such a young age. I went up a week later and she was at a vet's farm. They had her in a contraption that she couldn't even move – she was immobilized. She looked pitiful."

With the filly's injury on the mend, she was entered in the MHBA yearling show, a first venture for Harris. Judge Gary Contessa noted the scar from knee to forearm. The chestnut made the first cut in her class, but failed to get a ribbon. With $95,880 earned, she had a good chance of rewarding Parker the show's purse premium top prize of $13,000, based on earnings in show participants' 2- and 3-year-old seasons.

Parker has been breeding for more than 20 years, starting in Pennsylvania before moving his mares to Maryland with Shamrock Farm in Woodbine, where they have been for more than a decade. He sells his at the 2-year-old sales, and has done well with offspring of Sunday in Malibu, a Malibu Moon mare he bought for $5,000 at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic January mixed sale in foal to Cal Nation. The mare's previous foal, the Cal Nation filly Faze the Nation, was 3 in 2017 and later placed in a stakes.

Parker's Cal Nation filly, named Sunday in L B C, won at 3, but her foal of 2018, Maxine's Tap Room (by Bourbon Courage), garnered attention.

Sold by Parker at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-year-old sale for $135,000 to William Sparks, Maxine's Tap Room won first out at Keeneland that October, then shipped to Laurel and finished third in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship. She exited the race with an injury which ultimately ended her career on the track. She is a broodmare for Sparks and delivered her first foal (a colt by Outwork) this year.

Parker supports the stallions at Anchor and Hope and sent Sunday in Malibu to Holy Boss in 2018. Her son Brokester sold for $100,000 at the 2021 May sale, but is unraced.

Next came Malibu Moonshine. Failing to reach her reserve at the May sale, she was sold privately.

"We didn't get what we wanted for her [in the ring] but had an offer on her and wanted a payday, so we took the money and the rest is history," said Parker, who will keep horses to race if they don't sell.

Sunday in Malibu returned to Holy Boss, the result current 2-year-old Malibu's Boss Man. Parker names his foals and likes to tie in the names of the sire and dam. Going to Bourbon Courage has inspired a search for liquor references. The mare's yearling filly, by Bourbon Courage, is named Malibu Hooch, and described by Parker as spectacular. "I'm very, very excited about her and she's got the attitude."

Sunday in Malibu is back in foal to Bourbon Courage.

"Now we'll have another one," said Parker about a future name. "And I don't know what I'll come up with." ❧

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Maryland Fund Stakes Recaps

Alwaysinahurry

Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial Stakes
$75,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Nov. 25.

B.g., 2018, by Great Notion—Otherwise Perfect, by Lemon Drop Kid. Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Quin Bowman and Rebecca Davis; owned by Mopo Racing; trained by Dale Capuano. Foaled at Dance Forth Farm, Chestertown, Md.

				Lifetime
starts	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*earnings*
19	5 (2)	5 (2)	3 (1)	$299,232

(through Nov. 25)

2020: 2nd **Maryland Million Nursery S**. **2021:** 1st $100,000 **Concern S**, 6 fur., 3-year-olds, Pimlico, July 4; 2nd **Star de Naskra S**. **2022:** 1st $75,000 **Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel, Nov. 25; 3rd **Maryland Million Sprint S**.

Alwaysinahurry broke through for the first stakes win of his 4-year-old season in the Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial for Maryland-bred or -sired sprinters at Laurel Park Nov. 25.

Third in the Maryland Million Sprint Oct. 22, Alwaysinahurry broke well and rated mid-pack behind Going to the Lead and Tappin Cat.

The winner made his move at the top of the stretch, struck the front and was joined immediately by One Ten, who made a wide move on the turn and looked ready to go by. Alwaysinahurry fought back, dismissing One Ten's challenge in the last sixteenth, to cross the wire 1½ lengths in front after 1:23.85 for 7 furlongs. Alwaysinahurry became Great Notion's sixth stakes winner of 2022, and the first of two on the card, as Fille d'Esprit won the Politely one race later.

The Dale Capuano trainee returned Dec. 18 to take a 7-furlong allowance, his third win of the year and sixth from 20 overall starts, upping his earnings to $347,532.

Alwaysinahurry was bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Quin Bowman and Becky Davis. He sold for $70,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale in 2019 to Mopo Racing, who has campaigned him throughout his career. Second in the Maryland Million Nursery at 2, he ran just three times at 3, became a stakes winner in Pimlico's Concern July 4, and followed with a second in the Star de Naskra before going to the sidelines. His first start of 2022 came at Delaware Park June 10. Since September he's been on the board in all five starts, including an upset win over graded stakes winner Wondrwherecraigis in a Pimlico allowance sprint.

Alwaysinahurry is the last of 11 foals for Otherwise Perfect, an unraced daughter of Lemon Drop Kid. She produced eight winners, including stakes winners Clubman and I Stand Alone, graded stakes-placed Friscan and stakes-placed Stonebriar.

Jim McCue (2)

Fille d'Esprit

Politely Stakes
$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Nov. 25.

B.m., 2016, by Great Notion—Sweet Valor, by No Armistice. Bred by Sweet Spirits Stables; owned by C J I Phoenix Group and No Guts No Glory Farm; trained by John J. Robb. Foaled at Country Roads, Warwick, Md.

				Lifetime
starts	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*earnings*
23	12 (5)	5 (3)	2 (2)	$598,381

(through Nov. 25)

2022: 1st $75,000 **Conniver S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 4 & up, Laurel, March 19; $100,000 **Susquehanna Valley S**, 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Penn National, June 17; $150,000 **Seeking the Pearl S**, 7 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Colonial, Aug. 16; $100,000 **Maryland Million Distaff S**, 7 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 22; $75,000 **Politely S**, 6 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Nov. 25; 2nd **Misty Bennett Pink Ribbon S**, **Skipat S**, **Heavenly Cause S**; 3rd **Barbara Fritchie S-G3**, **Roamin Rachel S**.

Malibu Moonshine

Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship
$100,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired 2-year-old fillies. Laurel Park, Dec. 3.

Ch.f., 2020, by Bourbon Courage—Sunday in Malibu, by Malibu Moon. Bred by Dr. Ronald Harris Parker; owned by Happy Face Racing Stable; trained by Charlton Baker. Foaled at Shamrock Farm, Woodbine, Md.

				Lifetime
starts	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*earnings*
2	2 (1)	0	0	$95,880

(through Dec. 3)

2022: 1st $100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired 2-year-old fillies, Laurel, Dec. 3.

Post Time

Maryland Juvenile Championship
$100,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired, 2-year-olds. Laurel Park, Dec. 3.

Gr./ro.c., 2020, by Frosted—Vielsalm, by Fairbanks. Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman and Milton P. Higgins III; owned by Hillwood Stable LLC; trained by Brittany T. Russell. Foaled at Dance Forth at Roland, Warwick, Md.

				Lifetime
starts	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*earnings*
3	3 (1)	0	0	$133,140

(through Dec. 3)

2022: 1st $100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Championship**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 3.

Maryland Fund Report

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
September 1 to September 30, 2022

Breeder bonuses

Includes the additional 10 percent Maryland-sired bonus for winners of maiden races, initiated Jan. 1 during the 2022 Laurel winter meet. That bonus is reflected in the second figure earned for the race.

Helen C. Alexander—Baton: Sept. 24, 1st race, $5,940/$1,980. ($7,920)

Amy H. Daney Bloodstock—Pray for the U S A: Sept. 3, 4th race, $5,265/$1,755. ($7,020)

Anchor & Hope Farm Inc.—Al Loves Josie: Sept. 11, 10th race, $2,160. Uncommon Valor: Sept. 17, 3rd race, $517.50. Winked: Sept. 30, 8th race, $1,080. ($3,757.50)

Anchor & Hope Farm Inc. and Finn's Nickel LLC—R B's the Boss: Sept. 5, 4th race, $5,265/$1,755. ($7,020)

Robert S. Atkinson—Ashara: Sept. 3, 4th race, $877.50; Sept. 16, 4th race, $652.50. ($1,530)

Barak Farm—Lady Mosler: Sept. 3, 4th race, $1,755. One Ten: Sept. 2, 6th race, $6,480. Some Is Nine: Sept. 17, 7th race, $540. ($8,775)

Barak Farm and Dinos Thoroughbreds LLC—Trash Talkin Larry: Sept. 25, 3rd race, $967.50.

Barak Farm and Sharon Dodgen—Backnthewoods: Sept. 11, 10th race, $6,480.

William Bayne—Bernie's On Fire: Sept. 25, 7th race, $2,970.

William Bayne and Super C Racing—Bliss This: Sept. 3, 3rd race, $562.50; Sept. 10, 1st race, $1,125. Need a Marker: Sept. 5, 2nd race, $1,417.50; Sept. 18, 7th race, $3,915/$1,305. ($8,325)

Black Fox Farm—Auspicious Lad: Sept. 11, 2nd race, $562.50.

James A. Blackwell—Tom Hagen: Sept. 25, 9th race, $2,430.

Charles Blanford—Uncle Irish: Sept. 24, 4th race, $1,305.

Richard F. Blue Jr.—Prince Pere: Sept. 18, 5th race, $787.50. Seville Row: Sept. 17, 6th race, $1,260. The Last Scip: Sept. 9, 5th race, $810; Sept. 30, 3rd race, $810. ($3,667.50)

Bonita Farm—Never Done: Sept. 5, 2nd race, $708.75; Sept. 18, 7th race, $1,305. Sommer Velvet: Sept. 3, 2nd race, $2,970. ($4,983.75)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—Chelichna: Sept. 17, 10th race, $3,915/$1,305. ($5,220)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman—Foxtrot Seville: Sept. 25, 1st race, $3,645. Mama's Eyes: Sept. 2, 3rd race, $1,035. Tanka Tough: Sept. 16, 4th race, $1,305. ($5,985)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Quin Bowman and Rebecca Davis—Alwaysinahurry: Sept. 4, 8th race, $1,260; Sept. 18, 9th race, $8,370. Proper Attire: Sept. 23, 7th race, $4,320. ($13,950)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Ricky Buckley and Joshua Dreiband—Dr. Ferber: Sept. 18, 4th race, $2,295.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis—Double Crown: Sept. 24, 9th race, $4,500. Queen Sheba: Sept. 30, 8th race, $6,480. ($10,980)

Bowman and Higgins Stable—Master of None: Sept. 16, 5th race, $1,170. Rustys Gfivefifty: Sept. 25, 10th race, $7,290. She's All Money: Sept. 11, 6th race, $2,340. ($10,800)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and R. Larry Johnson—Up Against It: Sept. 30, 6th race, $4,320.

James Edwin Bryant and Linda Page Davis—Arlo Bello: Sept. 18, 3rd race, $1,305.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood F. Bryant—Northern Tick Tock: Sept. 23, 5th race, $810.

William Andrew Campbell—Seven On the Rocks: Sept. 9, 8th race, $2,160.

Louis C. Carrico—Duckpins: Sept. 5, 4th race, $1,755.

Classic Thoroughbred—Callyourightback: Sept. 5, 8th race, $2,025/$675. ($2,700)

Clover Hill Racing LLC—Ladneedsahandler: Sept. 25, 2nd race, $1,080.

Country Life Farm—Billingsgate: Sept. 11, 1st race, $630. Response Time: Sept. 2, 8th race, $1,170. ($1,800)

Country Life Farm and Atlantic Tide LLC—Camelia Rod: Sept. 18, 10th race, $517.50.

Country Life Farm and Curio Broodmare LLC—Targe: Sept. 2, 9th race, $765; Sept. 17, 7th race, $3,240. ($4,005)

Country Life Farm and Imagistic Broodmare II LLC—Sweet Talia: Sept. 23, 4th race, $810.

Country Life Farm and Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—Mr. Mox: Sept. 5, 3rd race, $4,657.50.

Country Roads Ltd.—My Flicker: Sept. 5, 6th race, $1,552.50.

Crystal Park Stables Inc.—Brilliant Ice: Sept. 11, 8th race, $990.

CRK Stable LLC—Mejoramiga: Sept. 4, 9th race, $2,835.

Dark Hollow Farm—Betcha by Golly: Sept. 9, 4th race, $3,510. Tauber: Sept. 24, 3rd race, $1,215. ($4,725)

George L. Doetsch—Lady Whistledown: Sept. 16, 1st race, $3,915.

Double NK Partnership and Dennis Jankiewicz—Disputed Notion: Sept. 3, 5th race, $472.50.

Emcee Stable LLC and Matt Teachout—Lottaclass Lilsass: Sept. 17, 10th race,$652.50.

Annette Eubanks and Daniel Eubanks—Rockinhippiechick: Sept. 3, 8th race, $776.25.

Finale Farm and Mr. and Mrs. David Moose—Gormley's Gabriela: Sept. 30, 4th race, $7,290.

Fitzhugh LLC—Matta: Sept. 24, 10th race, $2,250. Welling: Sept. 9, 8th race, $6,480; Sept. 30, 9th race, $900. ($9,630)

William and Mary Gale—Highland Dream: Sept. 3, 5th race, $2,835.

Robert J. Gerczak—Dialing Dixie: Sept. 11, 1st race, $1,260. Hov Lane: Sept. 2, 1st race, $337.50; Sept. 10, 10th race, $562.50. ($2,160)

Germania Farms Inc.—Scintillio: Sept. 3, 3rd race, $3,375.

Glenangus Farm LLC—Eifs: Sept. 17, 8th race, $2,430. Epic Rise: Sept. 11, 2nd race, $1,125. ($3,555)

Gordonsdale Farm—Macy's Boy: Sept. 25, 11th race, $4,860.

Maria M. Haire—Noah Chance: Sept. 24, 6th race, $5,940/$1,980. Satisfied: Sept. 17, 10th race, $1,305. ($9,225)

Nancy B. Heil—Karan's Notion: Sept. 4, 8th race, $2,520; Sept. 18, 9th race, $1,395. ($3,915)

Hillwood Stable LLC—Dream Big Dreams: Sept. 9, 8th race, $1,080. Laddie Liam: Sept. 16, 7th race, $1,170. ($2,250)

Holly House Farm—Summer Odds: Sept. 25, 8th race, $1,080.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palumbo—Shinelikeadiamond: Sept. 24, 11th race, $787.50.

Michael and Debbie Horning—Mint Game: Sept. 17, 6th race, $3,780.

Hot Silks Racing Stable LLC—If Then: Sept. 2, 7th race, $382.50.

Sallyellen and Hugh Hurst—Bet On Bitz: Sept. 17, 3rd race, $1,035.

Jagger Inc.—Berks: Sept. 24, 2nd race, $7,290. Bossyness: Sept. 11, 5th race, $1,170. ($8,460)

Jellicoe Creek LLC—My Boy Paddy: Sept. 9, 7th race, $2,160.

R. Larry Johnson—Heldish: Sept. 10, 3rd race, $2,430. In Vain: Sept. 16, 6th race, $1,935. Zip Line to Heaven: Sept. 25, 11th race, $810. ($5,175)

Carol A. Kaye—Can the Queen: Sept. 24, 7th race, $13,500.

Lady Olivia at North Cliff LLC—Blame the Bourbon: Sept. 3, 9th race, $2,835/$945. Holy Synchronicity: Sept. 5, 3rd race, $776.25. Ober Dare: Sept. 3, 1st race, $945. ($5,501.25)

James Lee Lawrence II and Lawrence Stables Inc.—Caged Pixie: Sept. 17, 1st race, $3,105.

Estate of Fred T. Lewis Sr., DVM—Landon Jack: Sept. 16, 5th race, $2,340.

Little Man Farm—Benny Havens: Sept. 9, 7th race, $1,080.

Kenneth F. Lowe Jr.—Special Freedom: Sept. 2, 9th race, $382.50.

Estate of Robert T. Manfuso—Chauffeur: Sept. 30, 1st race, $3,645. Chica Rabiosa: Sept. 3, 8th race, $4,657.50. ($8,302.50)

Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—Champagne Toast: Sept. 30, 7th race, $6,480. No More Talk: Sept. 16, 3rd race, $1,170. ($7,650)

Marathon Farm Inc.—Dashing Lou: Sept. 2, 2nd race, $382.50; Sept. 18, 4th race, $382.50. Super E: Sept. 17, 6th race, $630. ($1,395)

Helen C. Marshall—Take Charge Too: Sept. 11, 8th race, $1,980.

Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable—Good Story: Sept. 16, 1st race, $652.50.

Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable and A. Leonard Pineau—Amicalola Falls: Sept. 3, 5th race, $945; Sept. 17, 3rd race, $3,105. ($4,050)

Maryland Mare Venture LLC—Ellie Victorina: Sept. 25, 5th race, $990. Judy's Army: Sept. 4, 7th race, $4,252.50 ($5,242.50)

Peter D. Mattson—Angelofcanterbury: Sept. 25, 5th race, $5,940.

Ann Warfield Merryman and Richard F. Blue Jr.—Gift of Gab: Sept. 16, 4th race, $3,915.

Elizabeth M. Merryman—Mission Man: Sept. 17, 2nd race, $1,170.

Angie G. Moore—Cosmicality: Sept. 25, 3rd race, $1,935.

Kevin P. Morgan—Mavilus: Sept. 4, 6th race, $562.50.

Murmur Farm—Goldenize: Sept. 11, 10th race, $1,080.

Audrey R. Murray—Pounding Music: Sept. 25, 1st race, $1,215.

No Guts No Glory Farm—Bandits Warrior: Sept. 25, 8th race, $2,160. Fuhgeddaboudit: Sept. 5, 6th race, $4,657.50. ($6,817.50)

Clarke Ohrstrom—Invective: Sept. 11, 8th race, $5,940/$1,980. ($7,920)

Douglas Oswald—Monyinthebanksey: Sept. 23, 2nd race, $585.

Ronald Harris Parker—Malibu Moonshine: Sept. 11, 6th race, $7,020/$2,340. ($9,360)

A. Leonard Pineau—Crossland: Sept. 9, 5th race, $1,620; Sept. 30, 3rd race, $1,620. Sullivan Street: Sept. 10, 5th race, $810. ($4,050)

Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—Jaxon Traveler: Sept. 10, 8th race, $4,500. My Candy Girl: Sept. 18, 8th race, $1,215. R B's Star: Sept. 25, 8th race, $6,480. ($12,195)

Ponder Hill Inc.—Barzini: Sept. 5, 4th race, $877.50.

Vivian E. Rall—Icandothat: Sept. 18, 3rd race, $652.50.

R.C. Park Racing Stable Inc.—Ellarouge: Sept. 4, 4th race, $472.50.

Charles J. Reed—Johnyz From Albany: Sept. 10, 3rd race, $1,215.

Cynthia K. Rickman—Crownedcountcristo: Sept. 25, 2nd race, $540.

Alexandro Rubim-Dias—Award Wanted: Sept. 2, 8th race, $7,020.

Sagamore Farm LLC—Youngest of Five: Sept. 4, 8th race, $7,560.

Stephen T. Sinatra—Jackie A: Sept. 5, 3rd race, $1,552.50/$4,860. S S Sinatra: Sept. 4, 7th race, $1,417.50; Sept. 24, 6th race, $990. ($8,820)

Hamilton Smith, Fred Greene Jr. and Deborah Greene—The Poser: Sept. 5, 7th race, $2,520.

South Branch Equine LLC—Way Lucky: Sept. 4, 9th race, $472.50.

Matt Spencer and Kelly Cox—Ain't Da Beer Cold: Sept. 5, 7th race, $7,560.

Spendthrift Farm LLC—Breviary: Sept. 4, 6th race, $1,125.

Adam A. Staple—Golden Avieator: Sept. 5, 1st race, $495.

John D. Stuart—Friar Tuck: Sept. 24, 2nd race, $1,215.

Sweet Spirits Stables LLC—Toussaud's Ransom: Sept. 4, 9th race, $945.

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—Bound for Broadway: Sept. 23, 1st race, $810. Daddy's Cozy: Sept. 16, 8th race, $585. Dulce Kiara: Sept. 23, 7th race, $1,440. Honor Your Mother: Sept. 3, 2nd race, $990. I'm Not Slow: Sept. 11, 4th race, $517.50. Smart Eulee: Sept. 16, 9th race, $990. ($5,332.50)

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC and Ellen Charles—Closertotheheart: Sept. 11, 7th race, $607.50.

Thomas L. Teal—Rad Paisley: Sept. 2, 4th race, $1,552.50.

Team Gaudet—Kobe's Girl: Sept. 4, 4th race, $945; Sept. 10, 10th race, $3,375/$1,125. ($5,445)

The Elkstone Group LLC—Click to Confirm: Sept. 11, 9th race, $2,430. Hitch a Ride: Sept. 30, 8th race, $2,160. Lifelovenlaughter: Sept. 9, 3rd race, $7,020. Order Ofthe Kettle: Sept. 24, 6th race, $1,980. Sir Lumpalot: Sept. 11, 3rd race, $1,170. ($14,760)

The Etched Racing Partnership—Acadian Girl: Sept. 4, 6th race, $3,375.

Thornmar Farm LLC—Canoodle: Sept. 10, 6th race, $1,687.50. Lost Weekend: Sept. 5, 5th race, $6,210. Lost Weekend: Sept. 5, 5th race, $2,070. Royal Thunder: Sept. 25, 7th race, $495. Startwithabang: Sept. 30, 7th race, $2,160. The Wolfman: Sept. 10, 4th race, $2,340. Wish Me Home: Sept. 25, 9th race, $1,215. ($16,177.50)

Thornmar Farm and Tim Keefe—That's Some Kiss: Sept. 16, 9th race, $1,980.

Two Legends Farm—Benandjoe: Sept. 24, 4th race, $7,830.

Walter N. Vieser II—Flimsy: Sept. 30, 7th race, $1,080.

Mary P. Voss—Beyond the Pale: Sept. 18, 3rd race, $3,915/$1,305. ($5,220)

Robert S. Vukelic—Crouchelli: Sept. 5, 7th race, $1,260.

Maureen Wade—He's a Shooter: Sept. 2, 4th race, $4,657.50.

Maryland-bred top earners in 2022

(through December 12)

1. Knicks Go	$585,000	11. Cordmaker	$206,240
2. Fille d'Esprit	414,055	12. Breviary	203,517
3. Eastern Bay	356,507	13. Aloha West	196,222
4. Double Crown	321,530	14. Joe	194,744
5. Field Pass	279,328	15. Malibu Beauty	193,880
6. Alottahope	277,175	16. Plot the Dots	190,579
7. Luna Belle	255,000	17. Uncle Irish	181,937
8. Ournationonparade	230,071	18. Response Time	181,066
9. Divine Huntress	224,555	19. Karan's Notion	180,338
10. Whereshetoldmetogo	220,004	20. Mama G's Wish	174,765

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Wells—Rascally Rebel: Sept. 30, 2nd race, $562.50.

John E. Williamson III—Mysisternancy: Sept. 25, 5th race, $1,980.

Mrs. Frank P. Wright—Power Back: Sept. 9, 7th race, $6,480.

Stallion bonuses

BALTIMORE BOB (Hov Lane: Sept. 2, 1st race, $112.50; Sept. 10, 10th race, $187.50): Robert Gerczak—$300.

BANDBOX (Dream Big Dreams: Sept. 9, 8th race, $360. Dulce Kiara: Sept. 23, 7th race, $480. The Poser: Sept. 5, 7th race, $840. The Wolfman: Sept. 10, 4th race, $780): Bandbox Syndicate—$2,460.

BLOFELD (Goldenize: Sept. 11, 10th race, $360. Johnyz From Albany: Sept. 10, 3rd race, $405. Pray for the U S A: Sept. 3, 4th race, $1,755): Blofeld Syndicate—$2,500.

BOURBON COURAGE (Blame the Bourbon: Sept. 3, 9th race, $945. Double Crown: Sept. 24, 9th race, $1,500. Malibu Moonshine: Sept. 11, 6th race, $2,340. Uncommon Valor: Sept. 17, 3rd race, $172.50): Bourbon Courage Syndicate—$4,957.50.

BUFFUM (Shinelikeadiamond: Sept. 24, 11th race, $262.50): Buffum Syndicate.

CAGE FIGHTER (Caged Pixie: Sept. 17, 1st race, $1,035): Lawrence Stables.

DESPITE THE ODDS (Summer Odds: Sept. 25, 8th race, $360. Up Against It: Sept. 30, 6th race, $1,440): R. Larry Johnson—$1,800.

DIVINING ROD (Baton: Sept. 24, 1st race, $1,980. Bet On Bitz: Sept. 17, 3rd race, $345. Bliss This: Sept. 3, 3rd race, $187.50; Sept. 10, 1st race, $375. Camelia Rod: Sept. 18, 10th race, $172.50. Icandothat: Sept. 18, 3rd race, $217.50. Mr. Mox: Sept. 5, 3rd race, $1,552.50. Rascally Rebel: Sept. 30, 2nd race, $187.50. Rustys Gfivefifty: Sept. 25, 10th race, $2,430. Sweet Talia: Sept. 23, 4th race, $270): Divining Rod Syndicate—$7,717.50.

DORTMUND (Never Done: Sept. 5, 2nd race, $236.25; Sept. 18, 7th race, $435. Sommer Velvet: Sept. 3, 2nd race, $990): Kaleem S. Shah—$1,661.25.

FREEDOM CHILD (Ain't Da Beer Cold: Sept. 5, 7th race, $2,520. Arlo Bello: Sept. 18, 3rd race, $435. Special Freedom: Sept. 2, 9th race, $127.50): Freedom Child Syndicate—$3,082.50.

FRIESAN FIRE (Bernie's On Fire: Sept. 25, 7th race, $990. Landon Jack: Sept. 16, 5th race, $780): Friesan Fire Syndicate—$1,770.

GOLDEN LAD (Auspicious Lad: Sept. 11, 2nd race, $187.50. Bound for Broadway: Sept. 23, 1st race, $270. Crownedcountcristo: Sept. 25, 2nd race, $180. Golden Avieator: Sept. 5, 1st race, $165. Honor Your Mother: Sept. 3, 2nd race, $330. Laddie Liam: Sept. 16, 7th race, $390. Ladneedsahandler: Sept. 25, 2nd race, $360. That's Some Kiss: Sept. 16, 9th race, $660): Golden Lad Syndicate—$2,542.59.

GREAT NOTION (Alwaysinahurry: Sept. 4, 8th race, $420; Sept. 18, 9th race, $2,790. Brilliant Ice: Sept. 11, 8th race, $330. Closertotheheart: Sept. 11, 7th race, $202.50. Disputed Notion: Sept. 3, 5th race, $157.50. Fuhgeddaboudit: Sept. 5, 6th race, $1,552.50. Good Story: Sept. 16, 1st race, $217.50. He's a Shooter: Sept. 2, 4th race, $1,552.50. Heldish: Sept. 10, 3rd race, $810. Karan's Notion: Sept. 4, 8th race, $840. Sept. 18, 9th race, $465. Lost Weekend: Sept. 5, 5th race, $2,070. My Flicker: Sept. 5, 6th race, $517.50. Noah Chance: Sept. 24, 6th race, $1,980. Smart Eulee: Sept. 16, 9th race, $330): Great Notion Syndicate—$14,235.

HANGOVER KID (Pounding Music: Sept. 25, 1st race, $405): Hangover Kid Syndicate.

HOLY BOSS (Al Loves Josie: Sept. 11, 10th race, $720. Bossyness: Sept. 11, 5th race, $390. Crossland: Sept. 9, 5th race, $540. Crossland: Sept. 30, 3rd race, $540. Holy Synchronicity: Sept. 5, 3rd race, $258.75. Invective: Sept. 11, 8th race, $1,980. Mission Man: Sept. 17, 2nd race, $390. R B's the Boss: Sept. 5, 4th race, $1,755): Holy Boss Syndicate—$6,573.75.

HUNTERS BAY (Eifs: Sept. 17, 8th race, $810): Stronach Group LP.

IMAGINING (Beyond the Pale: Sept. 18, 3rd race, $1,305. Callyourightback: Sept. 5, 8th race, $675. Chica Rabiosa: Sept. 3, 8th race, $1,552.50. Proper Attire: Sept. 23, 7th race, $1,440. Winked: Sept. 30, 8th race, $360): Imagining Syndicate—$5,332.50.

KOBE'S BACK (Epic Rise: Sept. 11, 2nd race, $375. Kobe's Girl: Sept. 4, 4th race, $315; Sept. 10, 10th race, $1,125. Trash Talkin Larry: Sept. 25, 3rd race, $322.50): Bonita Farm—$2,137.50.

LONG RIVER (Ober Dare: Sept. 3, 1st race, $315): Long River Syndicate.

MOSLER (Bandits Warrior: Sept. 25, 8th race, $720. Lady Mosler: Sept. 3, 4th race, $585. Macy's Boy: Sept. 25, 11th race, $1,620. Mysisternancy: Sept. 25, 5th race, $660. Need a Marker: Sept. 5, 2nd race, $472.50; Sept. 18, 7th race, $1,305. Response Time: Sept. 2, 8th race, $390): Mosler Syndicate—$5,752.50.

NORUMBEGA (Acadian Girl: Sept. 4, 6th race, $1,125): Bonita Farm and Stuart Janney III LLC.

NOT FOR LOVE (No More Talk: Sept. 16, 3rd race, $390): Not For Love Syndicate.

ORIENTATE (Dashing Lou: Sept. 2, 2nd race, $127.50; Sept. 18, 4th race, $127.50. Mavilus: Sept. 4, 6th race, $187.50. Prince Pere: Sept. 18, 5th race, $262.50): Orientate Syndicate—$705.

OUTFLANKER (Benny Havens: Sept. 9, 7th race, $360. Crouchelli: Sept. 5, 7th race, $420): Outflanker Syndicate—$780

REDEEMED (Toussaud's Ransom: Sept. 4, 9th race, $315): Redeemed Syndicate.

ROCK SLIDE (Seven On the Rocks: Sept. 9, 8th race, $720): Shamrock Farms.

SCIPION (The Last Scip: Sept. 9, 5th race, $270; Sept. 30, 3rd race, $270): Scipion Syndicate—$540.

SEVILLE (GER) (Chelichna: Sept. 17, 10th race, $1,305. Foxtrot Seville: Sept. 25, 1st race, $1,215. Mint Game: Sept. 17, 6th race, $1,260. Queen Sheba: Sept. 30, 8th race, $2,160. Seville Row: Sept. 17, 6th race, $420): Seville Syndicate—$6,360.

STREET MAGICIAN (Mama's Eyes: Sept. 2, 3rd race, $345. Tanka Tough: Sept. 16, 4th race, $435): R. Larry Johnson—$780.

SUPER NINETY NINE (Billingsgate: Sept. 11, 1st race, $210. Breviary: Sept. 4, 6th race, $375. Some Is Nine: Sept. 17, 7th race, $180): Country Life Farm—$765.

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Girl Trouble is a future star

Girl Trouble had no trouble against open company in the $75,000 Future Stars Filly Division Stakes at Parx Nov. 29, as jockey Paco Lopez was merely a passenger aboard the daughter of Fast Anna.

Trained by Butch Reid for Swilcan Stable and LC Racing, Girl Trouble prompted Beatiful Karla's early fractions of :22.72 and :47.39, took over at will turning into the stretch, and sauntered under the wire 6 lengths better than Gold Medal Anna.

It was another 2¼ lengths back to Blome in third. Then came Creative Copy, Can't Complain, Precious Avary and Mendelian. Beatiful Karla was disqualified from fourth and placed last due to interference in the opening furlong that adversely affected both Mendelian and Can't Complain.

Girl Trouble completed 6 furlongs in 1:13.46 and returned $3.20 as the prohibitive favorite.

Bred in New Jersey by Gregory Kilka and Bright View Farm, Girl Trouble sold for $15,000 as a yearling to Swilcan Stable. She has won three of six starts for career earnings of $160,500, and has never finished off the board.

She placed second in her career debut at Monmouth June 4, finishing three-quarters of a length behind next-out stakes winner Sweet Harmony.

Girl Trouble graduated in her second start, a restricted maiden special at Monmouth Park

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July 16, then finished second, beaten a half-length, in a "never won two" allowance at Parx on Sept. 26.

After finishing a well-beaten third in the White Clay Creek Stakes at Delaware Park traveling a mile over muddy going Oct. 14 – a race where Reid felt she didn't handle the track – Girl Trouble prepped for the Future Stars with an authoritative 8-length victory in a first-level allowance over a muddy Parx track Nov. 1.

She is the first foal out of the unraced Ghostzapper mare Adorabella, who was purchased by Kilka at the 2020 Keeneland January Horses of All Ages sale, with the filly in utero, for $14,000.

Rutgers Equine Science Center presents "Gold Medal Horse Farm" Award to Stoneleigh Stables

The 2022 winner of the "Gold Medal Horse Farm" award is Stoneleigh Stables of Branchburg, owned by Chrisie and Chris Van Cleef. The award, part of the New Jersey Equine Environmental Stewardship Program, gives recognition to outstanding equine farms for their dedication to environmental sustainability and management.

Stoneleigh Stables is located on 23 acres in the heart of New Jersey horse country. It currently features an outdoor riding arena, multiple grazing paddocks with run-in sheds, and well-managed cool-season pastures. The property's restored two-story barn includes spacious horse stalls and a heated tack room and indoor wash stalls. As a lifelong horsewoman who continues to compete in some of the country's biggest hunter-jumper shows, Chrisie Van Cleef's emphasis has always been on maintaining top-quality care for her equine partners and creating a friendly yet professional atmosphere for training.

The award and the New Jersey Equine Environmental Stewardship Program underscore the efforts of the New Jersey equine industry to maintain the beauty of the Garden State.

The program is a collaborative initiative by the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station at Rutgers University (NJAES), the Rutgers Equine Science Center, and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA).

Previous awardees are Topline Farm (2021), The Centenary University Equestrian Center (2020), Fair Winds Farm (2019), Mortonhouse Farm (2018), Dorsett Arabians (2017), Hidden Hills Farms (2016), Lord Stirling Stables (2015), Woodhollow Farm (2014), D'Arrigo Racing Stable LLC (2013), and Showplace Farms (2012). Farm owners interested in applying for next year's award may access the application at: https://go.rutgers.edu/ESC-GMHF.

Rutgers Equine Science Center announces "Ronald S. Dancer Memorial Scholarship"

Named for former New Jersey Assemblyman Ronald Dancer

The Rutgers Equine Science Center announced the "Ronald S. Dancer Memorial Scholarship" during its 2022 "Evening of Science & Celebration" Nov. 3 in New Brunswick. The scholarship is named after former New Jersey Assemblyman Ronald Dancer, who passed away earlier in the year.

Assemblyman Dancer served as the assemblyperson from New Jersey's 12th Legislative District, as the Deputy Republican Leader in the New Jersey Assembly, and in the New Jersey General Assembly since 2002. He was a former horseman, trainer, driver, and the son of the late Hall of Fame harness racing driver Stanley Dancer. Assemblyman Dancer professionally raced and trained harness horses from 1968 through 1998.

Assemblyman Dancer served on numerous equine related boards and organizations over the years including Director and Vice President of the New Jersey Standardbred Breeder's and Owner's Association, Director of The New Jersey Department of Agriculture Standardbred Sire Stakes Board of Trustees, United States Trotting Association Director representing New Jersey, and as a former New Jersey Horse Racing Commissioner.

He worked to ensure the sustainability of the equine industry in New Jersey having sponsored the legislation authorizing the

State leasing of Meadowlands and Monmouth Park Racetracks to the private sector, and advocating for the State budget line-item grants that have been made to the Rutgers Equine Science Center over the years. Assemblyman Dancer was also a veteran of the United States Army, and was an avid supporter of the Equine Science Center's research into equine assisted activities for veterans with PTSD.

In 2021, he was awarded the "Spirit of the Horse" award from the Rutgers Equine Science Center. This award recognizes persons whose lives have been impacted by their involvement with horses and who continue to give back to horses and the equine industry.

"For his incomparable work as a horseman, legislator, colleague, and friend of the equine industry," said Dr. Karyn Malinowski, founding director of the Rutgers Equine Science Center, "We are proud to announce the 'Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer Memorial Scholarship,' in recognition of his steadfast commitment to the equine community, education, and giving back to those in need."

The scholarship will be given to an undergraduate student majoring in Animal Sciences with an equine emphasis, who has dedicated their time through service and leadership, just as former Assemblyman Dancer did throughout his entire career.

Further information about the establishment of the memorial scholarship will be provided in the coming weeks on the Equine Science Center's website, escrutgers.edu.

Rutgers Equine Science Center presents 2023 "Spirit of the Horse" Award to Dr. Octavia Brown

The Rutgers Equine Science Center honored Dr. Octavia Brown with the 2023 "Spirit of the Horse" award at its 2022 "Evening of Science & Celebration," sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center, Nov. 3 in New Brunswick.

Dr. Brown received the award for her stalwart support of the equine community, and her long-time commitment to the advancement of Equine Assisted Services nationwide.

Born in England, Octavia Brown emigrated to the U.S. in 1964. She earned her Master of Education from Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1971 and was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 2008 by Centenary University. A founder of the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (now PATH International) in 1969, she served four terms on the board of directors. She is a PATH Master Instructor.

In 1972 she founded the first equine assisted services program in New Jersey, now known as Mane Stream. In 1980 she founded, along with co-founder Barbara Isaac, the Health and Recreation through Horses organization (HRH of NJ).

Dr. Brown joined the faculty of Centenary University in 1997, where she founded and directed Therapeutic Riding At Centenary (TRAC) as both a PATH Accredited EAS Center and training site for future TR instructors. She is now an Emeritus Professor of Equine Studies at Centenary and continues to mentor future TR instructors.

Dr. Brown is a past president of the Federation Riding for the Disabled International, having served six years on the board of trustees. She was honored in 1982 as the NJ Horse Person of the Year by the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board. In 1998 she received PATH's James Brady Award for Lifetime Achievement in Therapeutic Riding. Most recently, in 2022, she received the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Equus Foundation, and the Golden Dome Award from Centenary University.

2023 racing calendar approved by New Jersey Racing Commission

The New Jersey Racing Commission Nov. 16 unanimously approved 51 dates at Monmouth Park (May 13-Sept. 10) and 10 dates of turf-only racing at the Meadowlands (Sept. 15-Oct. 14).

That total of 61 overall dates represents a decrease of 10 programs at Monmouth Park compared to what had been granted for 2022.

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THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

January 2023

President's message

Happy New Year! Where did 2022 go? I hope you all have renewed your memberships. As, I am always saying, your support is essential to keeping the NCTA going. Also, don't forget to nominate your horses for the 2022 Champion Horse awards.

Congratulations to Bill Thompson Jr. for Cairo Consort's third-place finish in the Breeders' Cup $1 million Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1. Two days later she was offered as Hip 298 at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky's The November Sale. She was bought for $875,000 by Repole Stables and Town & Country Racing. I am hoping she will be back on the track as a 3-year-old.

Once again, if you haven't already renewed, please do.

/Rebecca

Racing Review

Cainudothetwist, by Americain out of Bourbon Twist, by Langfuhr, won Oct. 29 at Aiken over fences for breeders Bill and Carrington Price. The bay mare, now 6, ran 2⅛ miles over hurdles in 3:57.80. Cainudothetwist set the pace and led her foes the whole race. Owned and trained by Archibald J. Kingsley Jr., she won by 4 lengths.

Shea D Secret, by Nyquist out of My Special Secret, by Mineshaft, won a 2-year-old maiden race Oct. 30 at Gulfstream Park for owners Dan and Christy Shea - Shea D Boy's Stable. The bay filly went 1 mile and 70 yards on the All-Weather Track in 1:43.10. Shea D Secret stalked the pace three-wide, went four-wide around the far turn, took the lead at the top of the stretch and drew off to win by 2¾ lengths.

Gospel Way, by Brody's Cause out of Bible Belt, by Pulpit, won at Woodbine Nov. 4 for breeder Bill Thompson Jr. – Maple Lane Farm. The now 5-year-old dark bay gelding ran 1⅛ miles on the inner turf in 1:44.04. Gospel Way stalked the pace mid-pack, moved inside at the top of the stretch and took the lead, pulling away winning by 2¾ lengths.

Flat Out Flying, by Flat Out out of She'sa Tough Tiger, by Tiger Ridge, won Nov. 15 at Parx Racing for breeders Beth Muirhead and Frank Coniglio. The chestnut gelding continues his winning ways, getting the sixth win of his 6-year-old season from 12 starts by running 1⅛ miles on a fast track in 1:47.64. Flat Out Flying was bumped at the start, settled in at the back of the pack, moved up going three-wide, went four-wide around the far turn, grabbed the lead and pulled away, opening up to win by 4 lengths.

Hitting the Board

October 25 to November 24, 2022

Date	Horse	Track	NCTA Connection	RESULTS
29-Oct	Cainudothetwist	Aiken - Hurdles	Bred & owned by Bill & Carrington Price	WINNER
30-Oct	Shea D Secret	Gulfstream Park	Owned by Dan & Christy Shea - Shea D Boys Stable	WINNER
2-Nov	Double Tough Tiger	Gulfstream Park	Bred by Beth Muirhead	2nd
4-Nov	Cairo Consort	Keeneland -$1 Million BC Juvenile Fillies Turf G1	Owned by Bill Thompson - Maple Lane Farm	3rd
4-Nov	Gospel Way	Woodbine	Bred by Bill Thompson - Maple Lane Farm	WINNER
9-Nov	My Dixie Lass	Penn National	Bred & owned by Jim Chandley	3rd
10-Nov	Trigger Happy	Churchill Downs	Bred by Nancy Shuford	2nd
15-Nov	Flat Out Flying	Parx Racing	Bred by Beth Muirhead & Frank Coniglio	WINNER

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PA-BRED REMINDERS

- **Early registration:** Within 365 days of foaling
- **Yearling registration:** Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:** Feb. 15 of year breeding
- **Broodmare domicile:** Dec. 1 or 14 days after a public sale or entering state if being bred back to PA-sire

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Keithsendshelloooo handsomely rewards with Pennsylvania-Bred and Sire incentives before winning a race

by Danielle Gibson

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It really does pay to have a Pennsylvania-Bred.

Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC founder Bob Hutt said, "There is no other state breeding program that comes close."

The PA-Bred program has so many incentives to repay your investment of breeding a horse in the Commonwealth without even winning a race. This was certainly the case for Keithsendshelloooo, who was named after Parx Racing's distinguished long-time track announcer Keith Jones. Keith stays in close contact on how his namesake is doing with weekly texts to Hutt.

The PA-Bred gelding handsomely profited his owners by banking $104,000 in earnings and breeder bonuses at 2 even before breaking his maiden, but that was just the beginning.

Keithsendshelloooo is by Pennsylvania sire Uptowncharlybrown out of Be Bop a Lula, which made him eligible to receive the PA-Bred and PA-Sired awards. Trainer Ed Coletti Jr. remarked on his consistent charge, "There was always something about him – his personality really stands out and he is the first of the 'Charlies' that doesn't have a quirk in their running style. He can be placed anywhere and likes to be close in the race. He's just competitive.

"He loves to buck and play in the morning but exercise rider Joanne McDade Flores really gets along with him. She drops her hands and lets him do his thing during morning training."

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The big strapping bay gelding made his first start at Parx Racing in late April in the track's first 2-year-old race, going 2 furlongs. He ran green but very willingly, finishing just 2¼ lengths behind the winner.

It was easy to see there was plenty of unbridled talent in the young horse and his size indicated stretching out in distance would be to his advantage. The juvenile races generally introduce distance gradually, building a young horse's stamina and experience. Said Coletti, "Those quarter mile races really helped him get some money in the bank for his partners."

Keithsendshelloooo made a second bid in a 2-furlong maiden special about a month later, turning in a huge rally after being bothered at the start. Again, he showed his determination to persevere but the distance was more suited for a compact sprinter type, not a big horse who needs time and distance to get rolling.

Keithsendshelloooo hit the board seven consecutive times before getting a victory at Penn National Oct. 28 under a beautiful fall sky in what Coletti called a "confidence builder" with regular jockey Anthony Nunez in the saddle. They honored his namesake Keith Jones with a beautiful plaque to mark the victory.

In his first eight starts he recorded a win, three seconds and four thirds. Two of those second place finishes came in the $100,000 Whistle Pig Stakes and $200,000 Prince Lucky Stakes, both at Parx Racing for PA-Bred and PA-Sired horses, earning him black type. Keithsendshelloooo would reward his partners Uptowncharlybrown Stud with close to $182,000 between track earnings and breeder incentives.

Hutt broke down how enticing the State-Bred program is when winning a Maiden Special Weight at Parx Racing. For example, when a horse runs in a $50,000 Open Maiden Special Weight, the winner gets 60% of the purse, plus 40% PA Bred bonus equaling $42,000, plus if you bred the horse there is another 50% rewarded off the top equaling $63,000.

"It's like winning an overnight stakes race, you are double dipping on the purse," said Hutt. "We have $7-million invested in breeding and racing with the main business exclusively here in Pennsylvania."

With a thriving PA-Bred program there is also an increase in the Mid-Atlantic sales prices for Pennsylvania-Breds, giving trainers a huge incentive to have these horses running at Pennsylvania tracks.

PA-Breds like Keithsendshelloooo show it's possible to share in the state's beneficial PA-Bred and PA-Sired program.

The gelding made his most recent start in the $200,000 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes at Parx Racing for PA-Breds going 7 furlongs Nov. 29. He finished fifth of 11, adding $7,040 to his career earnings for a total of $111,662 in nine starts. We look forward to much more from this talented PA-Bred.

A few words from the Executive Secretary

Breeding season is almost here again so get ready by bidding for a season at the 2023 Stallion Season Auction on thoroughlybred.com. The auction will begin on Jan. 15 and run through Jan. 22. Please sign up in advance and take a look at the PA Stallions to be eligible for the PA-Bred PA-Sired stallion series and double the breeder awards! You can view available seasons on our website. You also should have received a hard copy of the new Stallion Directory to help with your selections or you can view it online at pabred.com.

The $200,000 Shamrock Rose at Penn National for fillies was won by the Joe Imbesi-bred Flor de Sombra. Her five races in 2022 earned her $320,000. The $200,000 Nursery at PARX for 2yos was won by the Pewter Stable-bred Winning Time. His two-race season saw him earn $162,000. Wow!! I can't think of any other state in which a breeder and/or owner can recoup their investment more quickly. With 10 2yo stakes scheduled for 2023 along with the increase in the owner bonus at Penn to 30% and the Maiden Special Weight purse increase at PARX for PA-Breds to $50,000, you can't breed and race anywhere else!

The PA-Bred PA-Sired 2yo Series is expanding this year and will be run in three legs, SIX STAKES, at 5½ furlongs for $100,000, 6½ furlongs for $150,000, and a flat mile for $200,000. Each leg will consist of a 2yo race and a 2yo filly race. Don't forget about the $50,000 trainer bonus for the top three point-earning horses. Nomination fees for the 2023 series are $500 for 2yos if paid by March 31. You can go to pabred.com under 'Forms' or 'Featured' and print the nomination form.

Broodmares not in the state by Dec. 1, 2022, or within 14 days of a public sale (within 60 days of a sale outside the U.S.) must be bred back to a PA-Sire. The new 2023 Stallion & Boarding Farm Directory in now available online at pabred.com. We ask that you submit all broodmare domicile forms online. The new form is available for use by going to pabred.com under 'Forms' and is now mandatory for registration.

As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have. Pennsylvania is the only place to Breed & Race! Go PA!!

Spotlight on

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AT THE 2YO RESULTS!

FLOR DE SOMBRA
by Social Inclusion – Race Record: 5: 4-0-1
$320,000 + $130,040 in Breeder Awards

GORDIAN KNOT
by Social Inclusion – Race Record: 4: 3-0-1
$245,800 + $101,920 in Breeder Awards

WINNING TIME
by Winchill – Race Record: 2: 2-0-0
$162,000 + $67,800 in Breeder Awards

NINETYPRCENTMADDIE
by Weigelia – Race Record: 4: 3-0-0
$138,480 + $54,696 in Breeder Awards

MIDNIGHT PARADE
by Hoppertunity – Race Record: 3: 2-0-0
$135,938 + $55,689 in Breeder Awards

KEITHSENDSHELLOOOO
by Uptowncharlybrown – Race Record: 9: 1-3-4
$111,662 + $46,751 in Breeder Awards

VEESON
by Il Villano – Race Record: 5: 0-1-2
$76,520 + $29,355 in Breeder Awards

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PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

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LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	442,988	442,988	Warriors Reward	146,796	11,873	158,669
Blackstone Farm LLC	409,902	0	409,902	Maria M. Haire	122,428	12,541	134,969
Glenn E. Brok LLC	281,604	93,272	374,876	Donald L. Brown Jr.	113,872	19,803	133,675
William J. Solomon VMD	240,481	109,010	349,491	Pewter Stable	110,048	12,927	122,975
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	239,666	92,415	332,081	St. Omer's Farm	116,455	0	116,455
Arrowwood Farm Inc	238,905	0	238,905	Peter Giangiulio	100,711	6,296	107,007
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	68,041	167,404	235,445	Michael Raymond Anspach	104,061	0	104,061
Joseph Imbesi	227,020	0	227,020	LC Racing LLC	90,780	0	90,780
Sylmar Farm Inc.	222,490	0	222,490	W M T Stables Inc	86,618	0	86,618
Steven W Young Racing LLC dba A1A Racing	151,810	67,597	219,407	Godstone Farm LLC	86,206	0	86,206
Richard N. Miller	180,472	37,586	218,058	Chuck Russo	59,437	24,683	84,120
				Vicky Schowe	83,820	0	83,820

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	279	167,404	Hoppertunity	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	20	29,377
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	378	159,306	Il Villano	Chuck Russo	56	24,683
Uncle Lino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	222	136,929	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	64	23,982
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	285	96,425	Bullsbay	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	67	23,668
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	163	67,702	Lord Shanakill	William J. Solomon VMD	87	20,764
Peace and Justice	Steven W. Young Racing LLC dba A1A Racing	179	67,597	Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	17	19,803
				Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	56	19,446
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	144	64,805	Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	29	16,255
Social Inclusion	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	30	53,726	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	61	16,218
Last Gunfighter	William J. Solomon VMD	125	50,651	Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	56	15,206
Emperor Tiberius	Richard N. Miller	78	34,501	Winchill	Pewter Stable	29	12,927
Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	59	32,227	Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	33	12,844

LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Bonus	Total
Gordian Knot *	Social Inclusion - Mia	Joseph Imbesi	3	169,800	102,900	24,825	-	297,525
Flor de Sombra *	Social Inclusion - On a Star	Joseph Imbesi	4	136,400	78,400	19,090	-	233,890
Love in The Air	Constitution - Lovely Syn	Blackstone Farm LLC	4	189,800	42,360	-	-	232,160
Buy Land and See	Cairo Prince - Twiggles	Joseph Imbesi	3	168,600	45,720	-	-	214,320
Fortheluvofbourbon	Bourbon Courage - Nosubstituteforluv	Hidden Acres 4D Farm LLC	7	112,200	61,656	-	38,880	212,736
Midnight Parade *	Hoppertunity - Bank'n On Gold	Sylmar Farm Inc.	2	112,800	66,969	16,214	4,878	200,861
Beren *	Weigelia - Silmaril	Susan C. Quick	5	95,000	55,500	13,875	-	164,375
Ninetyprcentmaddie *	Weigelia - Amblin Easy	LC Racing LLC	3	54,000	60,096	14,142	21,120	149,358
Far Mo Power *	Uncle Lino - J. D. Safari	Peter Giangiulio	9	22,200	76,960	19,240	22,800	141,200
Smooth B *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	6	68,400	45,176	11,294	7,840	132,710
Too Boss *	El Padrino - Bossy Posse	Michael Joseph Cascio	3	55,200	49,328	12,332	15,520	132,380
Keithsendshelloooo *	Uptowncharlybrown - Be Bop a Lula	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	8	55,600	52,311	11,852	12,162	131,925
Ruby Bleu *	Messner - Ruby Soul	Donald L. Brown Jr.	9	9,200	60,174	15,044	39,696	124,114
Tactical Pajamas *	Uncle Lino - Salishan	Vicky Schowe	5	59,400	44,676	11,169	8,640	123,885
Nice Ace	Noble Mission - A Lady With an Ace	Blackstone Farm LLC	7	58,800	37,996	-	17,580	114,376
Nimitz Class	Munnings - Five Diamonds	Arrowwood Farm Inc.	6	57,000	28,610	-	11,814	97,424
Bazinga C	Exaggerator - Bazinga B	Joseph Besecker	5	60,000	25,626	-	11,208	96,834
Chub Wagon	Hey Chub - Takin the Plunge	Joe-Dan Farm Inc.	2	78,800	15,760	-	-	94,560
Risque Rebel *	Fairbanks - Rebel Creek	Connie L Nesteruk	10	-	47,093	11,773	33,352	92,218
My Train *	Silver Train - Echo Company	Robert G. Rutherford	13	-	46,491	11,623	33,208	91,322
Roses for Debra	Liam's Map - Essential Rose	Blackstone Farm LLC	4	58,200	24,046	-	6,930	89,176
Philadelphia Belle *	Jump Start - Cam's Cousin	Nick J. Polydoros	4	-	45,248	11,312	32,320	88,880
Ninetypercentbrynn *	Weigelia - Amblin Easy	LC Racing LLC	4	47,200	28,864	7,216	3,760	87,040
Golden Tabby	Golden Lad - Macroeconomics	Michael Raymond Anspach	7	20,000	36,940	-	29,640	86,580

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South Carolina

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Racing Across the Nation

South Carolina training centers and farms were represented by six stakes winners between Oct. 21 and Nov. 18.

My Girl Sky became a stakes winner for the first time when she captured the Thunder Bay Stakes at Woodbine Oct. 21. My Girl Sky went through the breaking process at the Travis Durr Training Center in St. Matthews. Fifth early on, she came four wide into the stretch, taking command inside the eighth pole and crossed the finish line 1¾ lengths in front.

After competing in nine stakes previously, Coconut Cake found her way to the winner's circle at age 5 following the Maryland Million Ladies at Laurel Park Oct. 22. Fifth after a half-mile, Coconut Cake began a steady forward move, battling her way down the stretch and proving best by a head. She came up through Cary Frommer's program in Aiken.

Double Crown became a stakes winner for the third time when he reached the finish line first in the Kelso Handicap-G2 at Aqueduct Oct. 29. Also a Cary Frommer graduate, Double Crown raced in the fifth position for the opening three-quarters of a mile. He launched his bid at the quarter pole and in a determined drive would not be denied, winning by 1¾ lengths as the longest shot on the board, going off at 42-1!

November Rein, another filly developed by Travis Durr, notched her second New York stakes victory in the Iroquois at Aqueduct Oct. 30. A 3-year-old taking on older runners, she was third early on while five wide, made the lead in upper stretch and held the others at bay, crossing the finish line 1¼ lengths in front at 19-1. It was her fourth win in eight career starts.

Vacation Dance, who came up through James Layden's program in Erhardt, broke on top and never looked back in the Atlantic Beach Stakes for 2-year-olds on the turf at Aqueduct Nov. 5. Making only his third career start, Vacation Dance proved best by 1¼ lengths. He broke his maiden Labor Day weekend at Saratoga then finished third in the Futurity Stakes-G3 at Aqueduct before winning the Atlantic Beach Stakes.

Luna Fortis became a 14-time winner Nov. 11 when she won the Clasico Dia del Veterano Stakes-G2 at Camarero Race Track in Puerto Rico Nov. 11. A graduate of Brad Stauffer and Ron Steven's Legacy Stable program in Aiken, Luna Fortis was much the best, winning by 3½ lengths. It was her second stakes win of her 6-year-old season, and her sixth win in seven starts. For her career she has started 37 times, compiling a record of 14 wins, seven seconds and five thirds.

King's Tree Trials resounding success

Blue skies and a cool breeze added to a fantastic day of racing at the 26th Running of the King's Tree Trials at McCutchen Training Center Nov. 5 in Kingstree. The event drew the largest crowd of spectators on record, and fans of Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred racing were treated to a competitive seven race card. The Trials are a joint endeavor between McCutchen Training Center and the local Williamsburg Hometown Chamber.

Along with the McCutchen family, local horsemen Frank Smith, Dean Keller and Greg Smith were some of the owners and trainers running in the Thoroughbred races. It is the support of these individuals that makes the race program possible.

The day gave clear evidence that horse racing is a fan favorite, and a grand time was had by all.

Aiken Fall Steeplechase returns

Before an enthusiastic crowd, the Aiken Fall Steeplechase returned after a two year absence Oct. 29.

Owner Jordan Wycoff, new to the National Steeplechase scene, captured two wins with horses making their hurdle race debuts. The 3-year-old filly Clara Belle beat the boys in a maiden claimer. In the day's feature, a maiden race with a $30,000 purse, Topic Changer proved much the best, winning by 4½ lengths. Both of these winners are trained by Keri Brion and were ridden by Barry Foley.

SCTOBA member Arch Kingsley is the owner-trainer of Cainudothetwist, the winner of a maiden filly and mare race. She was ridden by Jack Gilligan.

Soramond (Ger), owned by Ballybristol Farm and trained by Leslie Young, quickly opened up a huge lead under jockey Freddie Proctor and was a much the best winner in a $20,000 Handicap, cruising in by 15¼ lengths.

The one flat race was captured by the owner-trainer-rider team of Flying Elvis Stable, Neil Morris and Gerard Galligan.

A memorable Charleston Steeplechase

The Steeplechase of Charleston closed out the National Steeplechase Association's 2022 season Nov. 5. It was a special day for the Kingsley family. Taylor Kingsley, the daughter of SCTOBA members Arch and Wendy Kingsley, recorded her first win as a jockey riding SCTOBA member Pierre Manigault's Merry Maker (Ire) in the Training Flat race.

The team of trainer Keri Brion and jockey Barry Foley won two races. Pleasecallmeback, owned by Upland Flats Racing LLC, was best in a Ratings Handicap Hurdle and Taking Charge,

owned by Jordan Wykoff and Frank Mullins, won the Alston Cup.

Other winners included Captain Middleton, owned by Leipers Fork Steeplechasers, trained by Leslie Young and ridden by Freddie Proctor, in a Maiden Claiming Hurdle event.

Neotropic won a Maiden Hurdle race. He is owned by Bruton Street-US, trained by Jack Fisher and was ridden by Graham Watters. This win clinched the title of leading owner for the 2022 season for Bruton Street-US.

SOUTH CAROLINA-TRAINED WINNERS

Horse	*Training Center*	*Date*	*Track*	*Type of Race*
Mount Athos	Custon Care - D. Freyer	10/20/22	Keeneland	Allowance
MY GIRL SKY	Travis Durr Training Center	10/21/22	Woodbine	Thunder Bay S
Touch of Class	Elloree Training Center	10/22/22	Keeneland	Allowance
Lode of Blarney	Elloree Training Center	10/22/22	Delta Downs	Starter Allowance
COCONUT CAKE	Aiken - Cary Frommer	10/22/22	Laurel Park	Maryland Million Ladies S
Midnight Heiress	Travis Durr Training Center	10/22/22	Delaware Park	Maiden Special Weight
Barberini	Custom Care - D. Freyer	10/23/22	Laurel Park	Allowance
Smoke Lightening	Custom Care - D. Freyer	10/24/22	Presque Isle Downs	Allowance
Ruby Foo	James Layden	10/24/22	Presque Isle Downs	Maiden Special Weight
The Jones Boy	Rentz Farm Training Center	10/25/22	Parx	Allowance
Gunfyre Gal	Rentz Farm Training Center	10/25/22	Parx	Allowance
Royal Suspect	Travis Durr Training Center	10/25/22	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Emberly	Aiken - R. Hammond	10/26/22	Charles Town	Allowance
Cartouche	Rentz Farm Training Center	10/26/22	Parx	Starter Allowance
Phancy Philly	Rentz Farm Training Center	10/26/22	Penn National	Starter Allowance
Post Time	Aiken - Cary Frommer	10/27/22	Laurel Park	Allowance
Irish Bloom	Travis Durr Training Center	10/27/22	Delaware Park	Allowance
Haggarsdale	Rentz Farm Training Center	10/28/22	Charles Town	Maiden Special Weight
Scarlet Stripe	Travis Durr Training Center	10/28/22	Keeneland	Maiden Special Weight
Grandpa's Kid	Travis Durr Training Center	10/28/22	Delaware Park	Maiden Special Weight
DOUBLE CROWN	Aiken - Cary Frommer	10/29/22	Aqueduct	Kelso H-G2
Totally in Charge	Travis Durr Training Center	10/29/22	Woodbine	Maiden Special Weight
No Cents	Travis Durr Training Center	10/29/22	Delaware Park	Allowance
Combat Queen	Aiken - Cary Frommer	10/30/22	Laurel Park	Allowance
Misty's Lass	Aiken - Cary Frommer	10/30/22	Laurel Park	Maiden Special Weight
Panther Island	James Layden	10/30/22	Gulfstream Park	Allowance
NOVEMBER REIN	Travis Durr Training Center	10/30/22	Aqueduct	Iroquois S
Enchant Me	Travis Durr Training Center	10/30/22	Woodbine	Allowance
Wortherweightingold	Rentz Farm Training Center	10/31/22	Mahoning Valley	Allowance
Center Court Champ	Travis Durr Training Center	10/31/22	Parx	Allowance
Schnauer Will	Rentz Farm Training Center	11/01/22	Parx	Starter Allowance
Heavenly Heart	Rentz Farm Training Center	11/02/22	Penn National	Starter Allowance
Bachelorette	McCutchen Training Center	11/02/22	Charles Town	Maiden Special Weight
Gold in Them Hills	Travis Durr Training Center	11/02/22	Finger Lakes	Maiden Special Weight
Amatteroftime	Travis Durr Training Center	11/02/22	Delaware Park	Allowance
Allure Fortune	Travis Durr Training Center	11/02/22	Finger Lakes	Starter Allowance
Beverly Park	McCutchen Training Center	11/03/22	Charles Town	Starter Allowance
Venemous State	Retnz Farm Training Center	11/04/22	Penn National	Allowance
Family Time	Elloree Training Center	11/05/22	Remington Park	Allowance
VACATION DANCE	James Layden	11/05/22	Aqueduct	Atlantic Beach S
Silken Dollar	Travis Durr Training Center	11/06/22	Aqueduct	Allowance
Gray Mamba	Aiken - Mason Springs	11/07/22	Mountaineer	Maiden Special Weight
Flash Town	Rentz Farm Training Center	11/09/22	Mountaineer	Allowance
LUNA FORTIS	Aiken - Legacy Stable	11/11/22	Camarero Race Track	Clasico Dia Del Veterano S-G2
Brother Jeremiah	Arch Kingsley	11/15/22	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Family Time	Elloree Training Center	11/15/22	Remington Park	Allowance
Cinderella's Cause	Travis Durr Training Center	11/16/22	Finger Lakes	Allowance
D' Kitten	Elloree Training Center	11/17/22	Horseshoe Indianapolis	Maiden Special Weight
Sabalenka	Travis Durr Training Center	11/20/22	Churchill Downs	Allowance
Heir Port	Travis Durr Training Center	11/20/22	Laurel Park	Allowance
Feeling Woozy	Elloree Training Center	11/20/22	Laurel Park	Maiden Special Weight

VIRGINIA

COLONIAL DOWNS RECEIVES 2023 RACE DATE APPROVAL THAT FEATURES A THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Colonial Downs race dates for 2023 were approved at the Virginia Racing Commission's December 14 meeting, and the 27-day, 9-week meet features a move to partial weekend racing after several years of operating on a Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday afternoon schedule.

The summer campaign will run from July 13 - September 9 with racing every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 1:30 PM. The 20th running of the $300,000 Grade 3 Virginia Derby is scheduled for closing day, Saturday September 9. A request has also been made to the American Graded Stakes Committee, as of press time, to consider running a pair of Grade 1 stakes, the Arlington Million and Beverly D, along with the Grade 2 Secretariat Stakes, at Colonial on Saturday August 12. The 2023 live race meet will be the first at Colonial Downs under the operation of new owners, Churchill Downs Incorporated ("CDI").

2022 Virginia Derby winner Capensis with jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. up. The '23 Derby will be held on September 9 (Coady Photography).

"There were many considerations taken into account to arrive with this schedule," said Jack Sours, VP of Gaming for CDI. "The long-term goal of Churchill Downs is to offer racing on weekends. That is our goal to be clear. We feel racing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday is a good first step toward that. This will allow more fans to enjoy racing in New Kent and will allow us to run the Virginia Derby on a Saturday."

The 2021 and 2022 Virginia Derbies were both held on a Tuesday. The '22 edition attracted an all-time record handle of $6.5 million. The overall '22 meet itself offered $612,000 in average daily purses, had 8.35 starters per race and saw 1,382 horses from 321 trainers compete in the 9-week session. Approximately 40,000 fans attended the races on track.

"Another consideration in this process was finding a consistency in the post times. As we enter into this more competitive schedule, we need fans to be able to find our signal easily. Saratoga normally starts at 1:05 PM or a little bit after, so we can start after their first race and continue in that manner through the afternoon. Another key consideration was the ship-ins. We have a lot of horses that ship from Maryland and other areas so by having consistent matinee post times, it will be easier for them to plan and then get back home at a reasonable hour."

From a fan standpoint, the new management team will face some hurdles.

"Moving to new days and times will require a lot of human resources," added Sours. "We have to staff the place to accommodate large Saturday crowds and we know that's not going to be an easy challenge. We're all aware of staffing issues these days but we're committed to overcome that challenge. There's also the logistic piece as to how this will all flow," he continued. "We want to get our feet on the ground with this new schedule, then can always come back with further adjustments. The final consideration is the opportunity to host corporate outings on Thursdays and Fridays. We have found success with that piece at our other properties. It will give us a chance to expose racing to a new audience and drive attendance."

Sours said HHR handle is on pace for $3.9 billion this year, a 25% increase over the prior year. He expects that Colonial will add more Historical Horse Racing (HHR) terminals in 2023 which could result in additional race dates come 2024. There are currently 2,606 machines in operation between six Rosie's Gaming Emporium sites. He projects that two more could come on board as early as September next year. The Rosie's in Emporia will have 150 and the first phase of "The Rose" gaming resort in Dumfries is expected to open with 1,150 terminals.

"More HHR means more race dates," said Sours. This will allow us to add more dates and possibly race over the entire weekend instead of just Saturdays. We may even explore evening racing in the future but we need to understand the entire operation first before we can even think about that. That's something we'll have to work towards."

Gary Palmisano, CDI's Executive Director of Racing, spoke at the meeting and addressed the strong safety record of Colonial's turf and dirt surfaces. "It's a very well kept track and we want to continue to maintain what already is in place," he said. "The track crew that has been on board --- that includes Harrison Young, Ken Brown and James Jackson --- will not change."

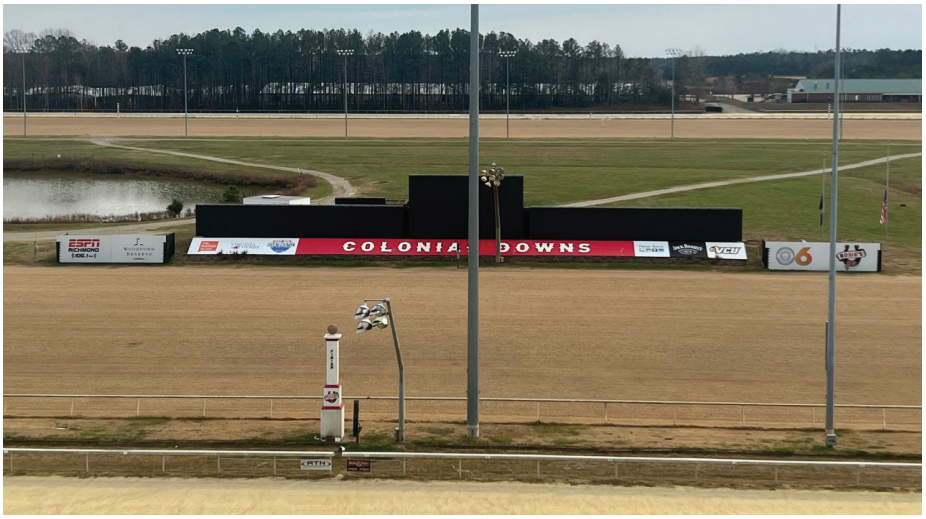
Palmisano noted the 50th anniversary of Secretariat's Triple Crown run will be an important element of Colonial's promotional focus in 2023 especially if the Secretariat Stakes is held in New Kent along with the other two Grade 1 stakes.

"It will take some doing, but if we are able to get those three historically important stakes here on August 12th, our vision is to make that one of the biggest days in Virginia horse racing history with thousands of people on hand. There isn't a Grade I stakes in this area after Preakness Day."

Another key Saturday event will be the annual Virginia-Bred Stakes Day along with others in the planning stage. "We're talking to a lot of people about promotions that can bring people in. Our goal is to make every Saturday a really big event day."

Work has begun in earnest to make the 2023 meet under CDI's leadership a success. "Folks think we're crazy for taking on this schedule," said Poliseno. "We could have hit the easy button and continued to run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday like everyone told us to do. We just want to have one year to navigate this new schedule and see how it goes."

Updates in the coming days will be available at virginiahorseracing.com and vabred.org. `



Overlooking Colonial Downs' turf and dirt surfaces in December (VEA photo).

2023 STEEPLECHASE, POINT-TO POINT DATES ANNOUNCED

A slate of 2023 National Steeplechase Association (NSA) sanctioned jump meets and spring Point-to-Point (PTP) events was unveiled in early December. The season kicks off March 4 with the Rappahannock Hunt Point-to-Point at the Hill in Boston and extends through November 4 when the Montpelier Hunt Races take place at James Madison's Montpelier. In all, there are seven Point-to-Points and seven sanctioned steeplechase meets on the calendar.

The spring PTP season continues at the Airlie Race Course March 18 with the Warrenton Hunt Point-to-Point, followed by others at the Salem Course in Upperville March 25 (Piedmont Fox Hounds), the Ben Venue Farm in Ben Venue April 8 (Old Dominion Hounds), the Woodley Farm in Berryville April 16 (Blue Ridge Hunt), Morven Park in Leesburg April 23 (Loudoun Hunt) and Glenwood Park in Middleburg April 30 (Middleburg Hunt). The Virginia Equine Alliance will again offer a Starter Reward bonus initiative for any Virginia-owned or Virginia-trained horse that starts in a PTP race.

The spring steeplechase program starts with the Middleburg Spring Races April 22, continues with the Foxfield Races in Charlottesville a week later (April 29) and concludes with the Virginia Gold Cup Races at Great Meadow in The Plains on May 6. The fall schedule includes the Foxfield Races on October 1, the Middleburg Races on October 7 and the International Gold Cup Meet on October 21 which all precede the Montpelier fall finale.

South Mountain (far left) wins the Marion duPont Scott Memorial at Montpelier this past November (Douglas Lees photo).

Steeplethon winner Bodes Well (#2) clears a water jump en route to victory on Gold Cup Day at Great Meadow (Douglas Lees photo).

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Influential takeaways of 2022

By Jeff Gilleas

Generally annual reviews are avenues for storytelling, filled with uninteresting facts and figures, where immense piles of data and sculpted numbers make for a tedious message.

However, the year 2022 at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races turned out to be a riveting tale of individuals, shifting power base, risk taking and relationships.

There is something cathartic about detailing the personal highlights of a final yearly summary.

From achievements to profound events, these are subjects I felt impacted our lives, and racing community.

CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC

Financially, the Classic loomed large over any of its stakes competitors and furthered its case (Grade 2), by placing Charles Town on the national racing watch list.

With over one million dollars in purse money up for grabs, the 1⅛ miles featured some of the country's finest equine talent (multimillionaire Art Collector, now a back-to-back Classic winner), with this year's special twist, the addition of local undefeated West Virginia-bred, Muad'dib, who hung tough to finish second in the field of eight, outfinishing Mind Control by a neck.

Bred by John McKee and a son of Fiber Sonde out of Holy Pow Wow, Muad'dib is the best West Virginia-bred of his generation.

The lightly-raced heavyweight injects a competitive element in all of his races, an attribute inherent to his brilliant sire.

Muad'dib went on to capture the Sam Huff West Virginia Breeders Classic and Randy Funkhouser Memorial Stakes, confirming he is more than merely another solid racehorse.

When one sits down to analyze past performances, it is intensely prideful to see the initials CT (Charles Town) scattered among the charts of venerated racing venues like: SAR (Saratoga), BEL (Belmont), CD (Churchill Downs) and KEE (Keeneland), owed principally to the Charles Town Classic experience.

TRAINER'S RACE

After a year severely impacted by Covid, the resiliency of our sport was manifested in the superb accomplishments of two trainers: Anthony Farrior and Ronney W. Brown.

Well known figures to handicappers, gamblers and fans, the duo emerged as supreme contestants to topple perennially leading conditioner Jeff Runco.

Pummeling rivals at the claim box, as well as on the track, Farrior and Brown used an all-encompassing approach to achieving their vibrant results.

Engineering a strategy that incorporated the usefulness of West Virginia-bred horses into their massive operations, alongside the acquisition of local farms, the two men firmly grasped the top two spots in the trainer standings.

For now, Farrior employs the sales ring to acquire prominent racing talent, while Brown opts to breed and raise his flourishing West Virginia-bred assemblage.

RANDY FUNKHOUSER

Horse racing lost a beloved father, devoted husband and trusted friend with the passing of Randy Funkhouser.

The longtime curator of O'Sullivan Farms was a man of honor and integrity.

Throughout his lifetime of service to horsemen in the Mountain State, Mr. Funkhouser remained true to a set of personal ideals for the preservation of Thoroughbred racing/breeding in West Virginia.

Born and raised in Charles Town, Randy was a graduate of Stanford University and served as President of the Charles Town HBPA or sat on the Board of Directors for the better part of four decades.

RUNNIN'TOLUVYA RETIRED

Temperamental-check, difficult-check, magnificent-check, the gray/roan son of Fiber Sonde was all of those for owner/trainer Judy and Tim Grams.

The husband and wife team experienced his high-strung nature first-hand, as on race nights to quell

his robust enthusiasm Tim would pony Runnin'toluvya to the starting gate after Judy carefully placed the tack on him.

The millionaire will best be remembered for his performance in the 2019 Charles Town Classic-G2, where he rose above his inner demons and defeated some of the country's finest handicap horses.

Enjoy your retirement my friend. You are a Mountaineer Miracle!

WOMEN AND THE CAVADA STAKES

Charles Town Races' illustrious history has always included stories of determination, significant triumphs and heart, especially those containing the female persuasion.

Barbara Jo Rubin, Sylvia Bishop, Ruth Funkhouser, Eleanor Casey and Carol Holden are a few of the trend setters that leveled the playing field for women in a male dominated industry.

On West Virginia Breeders Classics night, Kristy Petty made her multi-generational racing family proud by winning the lucrative and prestigious Cavada Stakes with her 3-year-old filly, Hessica.

The daughter of Jubais owned, trained and bred by the former jockey and provided the up-and-coming horsewoman her first stakes victory.

Petty's reaction after winning the $125,000 race was priceless, as she guided her pony into the winner's circle; dismounted and hugged everyone within arms reach.

COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

Kristy Petty (center) in the winner's circle after her Hessica won the Cavada Stakes.

THE WRIGHT STUFF

When you walk down the hall in the Racing Secretary's office, and a bantamweight figure passes you, as if in a foot race, chances are it was steward Danny Wright.

With a handshake mindful of a once-champion wrestler, the feisty ex-jockey competed in Maryland with the likes of Chris McCarron, Kent Desormeaux, Edgar Prado, Chris Antley, Donnie Miller and Mark Johnston, while known for his aggressive style and honest performances.

A native of Brooklyn Park, Md., Danny Wright won 1,424 races and rode horses that won a dozen graded stakes.

Fan favorites were Cormorant, Caesar's Wish, Toes Knows and Mt. Airy Queen.

Mr. Wright was inducted into the Anne Arundel County Sports Hall of Fame in Annapolis, Md., in October.

THE CROWNS OF 2022

The backbone of Thoroughbred racing rest firmly with breeders, but their ultimate goal is being successful on the racetrack.

This year, some noteworthy West Virginia-bred candidates in the win column at Charles Town were: Tiz the Reason – 14 starts, 7 wins (breeder-Leslie Condon, trainer-Ronney Brown), Full Moon Lover – 11 starts, 6 wins, (breeder-Ronney and Nicole Brown, trainer-Ronney Brown), No Change – 11 starts, 6 wins, (breeder-John McKee, trainer-John McKee), Silky Serena – 8 starts, 5 wins, (breeder-Cynthia McKee, trainer-John McKee) and Math Man Marco – 11 starts, 5 wins (breeder-Robert Cole Jr., trainer-Kevin Patterson).

HISTORY WALL & HALL OF FAME

For years Ann Hilton has labored: collecting pictures, articles, newspaper clippings and interviews chronicling the importance of horse racing to Jefferson County.

She has long been the custodian of the Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races History Wall, and on Sunday, Nov. 13, was guest speaker at a large gathering of the local historical society.

Her impassioned speech on the second-floor mezzanine level was in close proximity to the latest project of the West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association…..the West Virginia-Bred Hall of Fame.

Dedicated to horses born and raised locally, the inaugural class featured:

Afternoon Deelites, Confucius Say, Down Town Allen, Onion Juice, Russell Road and Soul of the Matter.

A collaborative effort by journalist Ted Black and the WVTBA provided the inspiration for the half-dozen horses inducted, including five millionaires and two Grade I winners.

The event was enriched by the attendance of Chairman of the West Virginia Racing Commission Ken Lowe, Director of Racing Operations Charles McIntosh, Executive Director of the CTHBPA Maria Catignana and Clissy Funkhouser of the WVTBA.

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New Year. New Owners

There's a whole pack of new owners and we wanted to know, well, we wanted to know everything

By Betsy Burke Parker

Jordan Wycoff's 3-year-old stake entry at Far Hills in 2022 came with a sterling pedigree, sire-side, dam-side and, not surprisingly, on the owners' side.

Solib, a daughter of Triple Crown champ American Pharoah and Harlan's Holiday-line mare Perfect Fit, made her first start over fences in October's Gladstone. It was only Wycoff's second jump starter after two decades operating his family's powerful Three Diamonds Farm.

With nearly $3 million in career earnings and almost countless black type in flat racing, owner Wycoff gets his conditions back in steeplechasing.

Wycoff's trainer, Keri Brion says she hopes it'll draw the family in to the sport. "What Jordan is doing with these horses is way different than what normally people are doing with jumpers," Brion says. "They are all dual-purpose horses as all of his horses are still going strong on the flat with conditions left. Solib (a NW-2 who broke her maiden on Belmont's inner turf a year ago) jumps very well and seems to want to go all day."

Three Diamonds started racing in the early 2000s mostly in Maryland with Mike Trombetta, then in New York with Mike Maker. Both Wycoff's parents started in the show jumping world. Debra Wycoff still shows amateur jumpers.

Kirk Wycoff's Three Diamonds Farm is named for his three children – Kirby, Ashley and Jordan. He's managing partner of the Philadelphia-based private equity firm Patriot Financial Partners.

Jordan Wycoff with jockey Parker Hendriks
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Three Diamonds keeps as many as 70 horses, horses in training, mares, foals and 2-year-olds. They're active sellers and buyers, including playing in the claiming game. Jordan Wycoff was part of the $25,000 Saratoga claim of Gianna's Dream in 2016. Gianna's Dream went on to win four stakes and place in two Grade 3 stakes.

Wycoff, 34, is based in Philadelphia. He runs BCC, a financial services company in addition to managing Three Diamonds' racing operations.

He likes the link between flat and jump racing.

"The fun part about this – what made me link them – me and my father have always talked about second careers for these horses," Wycoff explains. Millionaire stakes winner Cross Border, for instance. "He's way too high energy to be turned out in a field after he retires (from flat racing.) He would not want a boring life."

Brion says Cross Border "is an excellent jumper, a natural." He made his maiden start over hurdles at the Steeplechase of Charleston in November.

Jordan Wycoff's father-in-law, Frank Mullins, is president of the board of directors for the Aiken Steeplechase. "I think steeplechasing is at a pivotal point in its life span. I think if we can show you have a long turf route horse, there's no reason they can't do both – go jumping but also keep running on the flat.

"I think training off the farm, training on the turf up and down hills – it's got to be good for horses. There's only so many left-handed turns pounding on the dirt you can do."

Ten Strike Racing

Academic and Breeders Cup handicapping award-winner Dr. Marshall Gramm jumped at the chance to jump into jump racing with regally-bred Awakened and Hall of Fame trainer Jack Fisher last summer.

Gramm is a lifelong student of horse racing. He grew up in Washington, D.C., as he says, in the '80s when his main source of sports news came from the printed Washington Post newspaper.

"Like any kid, I was obsessed with sports," Gramm traces how he went from allergic to horses to running on steeplechase's biggest day at Far Hills. "I got interested in baseball because of the statistics," always having a mind for numbers, Gramm says.

The Post's racing writer, Andy Beyer, was a statistics guy, too, Gramm says, further honing his interest in racing and gambling.

Gramm earned his PhD at Texas A and M, and took a job in the economics department at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. There was a greyhound track just across the river, and Oaklawn Park was just a couple hours away, so Gramm was able to continue following racing, as he says.

Gramm claimed his first horse in 2008.

He was managing partner of High Point Thoroughbred Partners, ninth leading owner in the U.S. in 2013.

He formed Ten Strike Racing in 2016 with former High Point partner Clay Sanders. They named it after Ten Strike, first winner of the Tennessee Derby, run at the Memphis Fairgrounds in 1884.

Ten Strike Racing has more than 275 wins at 24 tracks including his first steeplechase winner at Maryland's Shawan Downs in September 2022.

Ten Strike has won 11 stakes races and won the owners' title at Parx in 2016 and 2017. Gramm also bred four stakes horses.

Racing plays a part in Gramm's academic career: Five years ago, his class – the economics of racetrack wagering markets – became one of the school's most popular with undergrads. With 75 students this year, it is the biggest class at Rhodes.

"Because I won the betting challenge in 2020, I know students are looking at the class as dual purpose," Gramm says, the $330,000 top prize and $170,000 bankroll that he won being big selling points. "You're a college kid. The chance to learn to win that kind of money makes the class an easy choice."

Gramm purchased a summer home in Saratoga Springs, New York with the winnings.

He's especially interested in route racing, Gramm says, so interest – and involvement – in steeplechasing is a natural extension. He met Riverdee managing partner Sean Clancy at Saratoga.

Clancy pitched a partnership between Riverdee and Ten Strike on a Phipps-bred son of Curlin out of the A.P. Indy mare, Daydreaming. Awakened had $725,000 RNA'ed at Keeneland September in 2018. He was a big, good-looking horse, Clancy says, but slow to grow into his pedigree. Awakened broke his maiden at Ellis Park – 10 furlongs on the turf – in his 10th career start on the flat. "I watched the race from our box in Saratoga and said for the fifth time, 'That's a jumper,'" Clancy says. "I was able to make the deal with Phipps and Ten Strike went in with us.

Tom Rice and Van Cushny in the winner's circle at Saratoga in 2021 with Leslie and Paddy Young and jockey Gerard Galligan *©Tod Marks*

"He's got pedigree, wants distance and comes from the right connections

And Gramm was game.

"Sean has a great reputation for picking out steeplechase runners from the flat track," Gramm says.

Van Cushny and Tom Rice

It was finally time, Tom Rice says, to get back involved in the sport that was so important to him through the 1980s and early '90s.

Rice has a long connection to steeplechasing, growing up hunting with the old Pickering Hunt in southeast Pennsylvania's hunt and 'chase country. His collision body shop in Chester County took more of his time than he liked until recently, and horses went by the wayside. Rice says he'd long thought about getting back into racing.

Partner Van Cushny is a longtime racing horseman with roots in steeplechase, too. He's related to the Phipps and Bostwick families. Son Wyck was a steeplechase jockey; he died in 2017.

They didn't know each other until trainer Leslie Young brought them together with steeplechase prospect Booby Trap.

"I knew Leslie (Falini Young) from when she used to ride junior races," Rice says. "She reached out to me to go in halves on Booby Trap," a son of Hard Spun out of the Kitten's Joy mare, Bail Out Kitten. "I just love Snap Decision (grade 1 hurdle winner also by Hard Spun) and Booby Trap had some nice flat form, so it was an easy decision."

Booby Trap won his last start on the flat at Charles Town in 2020. He pulled up in his first start over jumps at Tryon in June 2021, but won his next two hurdle starts – July 2021 at Colonial Downs, followed by a September win at Saratoga.

"That's the first time we'd met," in the Saratoga winner's circle, Cushny told the Horse of the Delaware Valley. "What a great place to meet."

Rice agrees, saying the partnership and the horse have been nothing but fun. He loves being involved with the sport again.

"We're having a blast."

CFC Stables

English footballer and longtime American soccer coach Steve Coxon understands the power of the media.

Social media.

This is why, after a decade and more than $1 million in earnings through dozens of partnerships with flat track horses, Coxon finally finds himself on the U.S. jumps circuit.

Coxon moved from his native England to the U.S. when he earned a scholarship to play soccer at Central Connecticut State University in 1987. He played professionally as a forward nine years for the Connecticut Wolves in the USL.

Today, he's in charge of the Connecticut Football Club – that's what CFC stands for, works as a youth soccer coach and as associate head coach at Quinnipiac University.

He credits print media and social media equally in getting him involved in American steeplechasing.

"I'd read about Keri in a newspaper article when she was in Ireland (training horses last winter)," Coxon explains. "I was taken aback at how gutsy was this American lady, taking on the establishment, pretty much, in Irish jumps racing.

"I found her (easily) on Twitter. Sent her a message. She responded immediately and I picked up the phone to call.

"We talked for a while and she said she had her eye on just the right horse (Undercover Rowdy) to bring to America."

Coxon believes social media gives a new twist to the trainer-owner relationship. "They don't treat you like a mushroom any more," keeping you in the dark and feeding you a load of horse manure. Coxon says. "It makes it easy to share everything about your horse, real-time.

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— Looking Back —

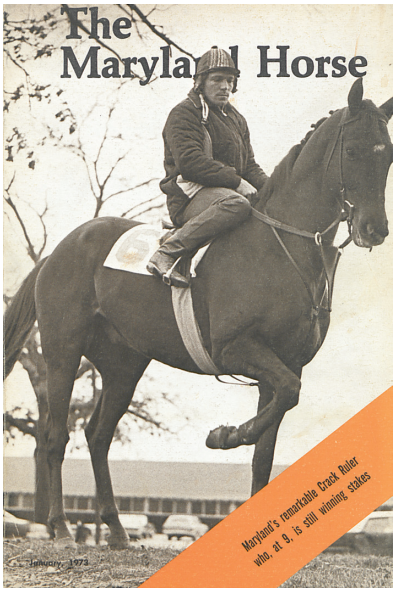
75 years ago

■ William Woodward, owner of historic Belair Stud near Bowie, Md., bred and owned one of the top 2-year-olds in England in 1947, Black Tarquin, winner of the 177th running of Gimcrack Stakes at York. Following tradition, the winning owner was guest of honor of a dinner at York, at which he is asked "to 'ventilate his mind' on such matters pertaining to the turf as may engage his fancy." Unable to attend in person, Woodward sent a lengthy speech to be read, which included a "sketch of American racing" as well reiterating his suggestion to the British Turf that the English General Stud Book should recognize the American Stud Book.

Chairman of The Jockey Club from 1930-50, Woodward was instrumental in convincing England's leaders to repeal the Jersey Act, which for more than three decades kept many American horses out of the General Stud Book as purebred Thoroughbreds. He was elected an honorary member of the British Jockey Club in 1950.

■ The Maryland Horse Breeders Association prepared train shipments of broodmares to Kentucky, to be covered by stallions for the 1948 breeding season. The MHBA arranged for the car, feed, help, supplies, etc. In 1947, 15 carloads were handled by the association between Baltimore and Lexington, and one to Los Angeles.

■ Sixteen stallions joined the 1948 Maryland roster, which reached a new high of 60. Arrivals included Jack High, a brilliant racer and good sire, to Holly Beach Farm; New Moon, winner of many stakes and best son of Discovery; and dual Futurity winner Occupy – the latter two to Sagamore Farm.



50 years ago

■ Rash Prince led all sires 2-year-olds in Maryland thanks to stakes winners Queen's Mark and Protest and stakes-placed Swift Courier. The son of Prince John stood at Country Life Farm in Bel Air.

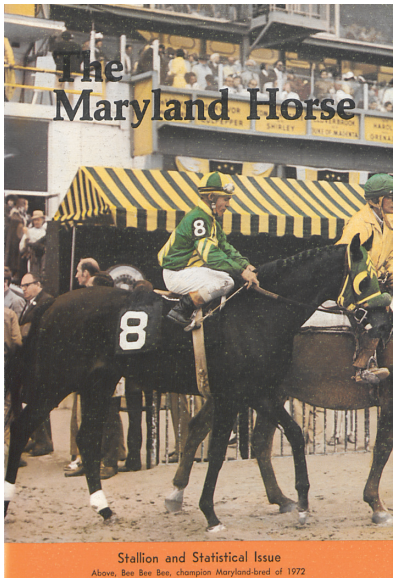
"We've had some top Maryland stallions in the past," said 56-year-old John P. Pons, "but it's been a few years. Saggy [retired at age 28] was our last champion. Before him there were Occupy (a foal of 1941) and Lochinvar (a foal of 1939)."

John and younger brother Joe owned and operated the 100-acre establishment founded in 1933 by their late father, Adolphe Pons.

■ A.J. Somerville's Crack Ruler wrapped up his 8-year-old season with a seventh career stakes victory in Laurel's $20,000 Monumental Handicap in his 109th start. Unraced at 2, Crack Ruler didn't win his first stakes until age 6. Bred by Mrs. J.P. Jones, he was foaled at Country Life Farm, where his sire Dark Ruler stood. With earnings of nearly $300,000, Crack Ruler moved to 11th on the list Maryland-breds.

Crack Ruler made 14 starts in 1972, a dozen before June, ran twice in December, and was fourth or better in six stakes. Winless in 12 starts at age 9, he retired with 22 firsts in 121 starts and $308,901 in earnings.

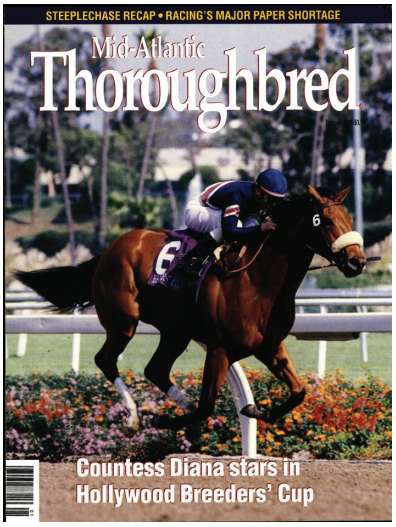
■ The *Maryland Horse* debuted a Stallion and Statistical Issue, with 1972 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Bee Bee Bee on the cover. It was the first time the magazine printed two January issues. In addition to pedigree pages on stallions standing in Maryland and nearby states, the new volume provided year-end statistics on the racing records of Maryland-breds, maps showing the locations of Maryland's 200-plus horse farms, and profiles of the leading Maryland-breds of 1972.



■ Charles Fenwick Jr., president of the Amateur Riders Association, announced the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association was adopting ARA's proposal for a reclassification of riders at hunt meets. Riders were to be placed into one of three categories, effective Jan. 1, 1973: Amateur Riders, Registered Amateur Riders, and Professional Riders and/or Jockeys.

25 years ago

■ The 14th Breeders' Cup at Hollywood Park saw a number of favorites scratch, but championship performances filled the card. Leading off was Maryland-sired Countess Diana in the Juvenile Fillies-G1, which she won by 8½ lengths. The Kentucky-bred filly launched her career at Pimlico for trainer Carlos Garcia before being sent to Patrick Byrne by owner Richard Kaster. She had deep Maryland roots – her sire Deerhound stood at Murmur Farm in Darlington (until sold that fall to Kentucky), her grandsire T. V. Commercial stood at Woodstock, then Windfields, in Chesapeake City. Maryland sires Northern Dancer, Dancing Count, Nearctic and Wise Exchange all appeared in her first three generations. And her first three dams were Maryland-breds.



Skip Away, owned by Baltimore, Md., native Carolyn Hine and her husband/trainer Hubert (Sonny) Hine, was supplemented to the Classic (for $480,000) and destroyed the field – the winner's share was $2,288,000. Dawson's Legacy, a 2-year-old son of Roanoke (who recently moved to Reigle Heir Farms in Grantville, Pa.) finished second in the Juvenile-G1.

■ Highlights of the 1997 steeplechase season included the fourth Eclipse Award-winning campaign for Lonesome Glory, U.S. steeplechasing's first millionaire; 19-year-old Jonathan Kiser tying Arch Kingsley Jr. for the jockey title; and Tom Voss getting his first trainer championship.

■ Colonial Downs, which hoped to have OTB sites in Fredericksburg, Martinsville, and Roanoke by 1999, was dealt a major setback when Virginia voters rejected all three in separate referendums on election day. The measures were defeated by 72 percent in Federicksburg, 56 percent in Martinsville and 57 percent in Roanoke.

10 years ago

■ As the sires of 2012 Breeders' Cup winners, E Dubai and Wiseman's Ferry were about to boost Pennsylvania's Thoroughbred industry and send business to their respective farms, Northview PA and Dana Point. Breeders' Cup Mile-G1 winner Wise Dan was a 2007 son of Wiseman's Ferry, who moved to Gayle Gerth's Lenhartsville farm in 2009. Fort Larned won the $5 million Breeders Cup Classic-G1 to propel E Dubai to the top of the region's sire ranks. Larry Karp bought E Dubai, a son of Mr. Prospector, from Darley after the 2010 breeding season to stand in Pennsylvania.

■ The Maryland Jockey Club, Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, and Maryland Horse Breeders Association announced a 10-year agreement for racing at Pimlico Race Course and Laurel Park. The deal allowed for long-term stability, year-round racing and stabling, a solid purse structure and a foundation for the future of Maryland racing.

■ Russell Road, the most accomplished West Virginia-bred to race in his home state, recorded his 18th stakes win in November. Mark Russell's millionaire moved into a tie for fourth on the list of stakes wins by a regional-bred.

Russell Road retired in 2016 at age 10 with 22 stakes wins, third all-time. Ben's Cat upped the mark with his final stakes win in 2016, his 26th.

■ Recently retired Plum Pretty, a Grade 1 winner at 3 and 4, sold for $4.2 million as a broodmare prospect at Keeneland November. Bred by Silent Indy Stables and DDS Stables in Pennsylvania, the Medaglia d'Oro filly was the first session's top price and the sale's most expensive broodmare prospect.

■ Award-winning journalist and racing historian Joseph B. Kelly was remembered after his death at 94. A lifelong resident of Baltimore, Md., Kelly covered racing for nearly 70 years. He won a national honor from the Thoroughbred Racing Association for a story about disqualified 1968 Kentucky Derby winner Dancer's Image, was a two-time winner of Pimlico's Old Hilltop Award for excellence in racing coverage, and served as an on-air reporter (with fellow *Baltimore Sun* writer Jim McManus, later known as Jim McKay) from the Pimlico rooftop for Baltimore's first live telecast in 1946.

■ Declan's Moon, undefeated Eclipse Award-winning 2-year-old male of 2004, headlined the 2013 Retired Racehorse Project's 100-Day Challenge. Based off the previous year's Trainer Challenge created by RRP founder and president Steuart Pittman, the new challenge would evaluate jumping, conformation, movement and trainability, and focus primarily on the horses' characteristics and abilities.

Declan's Moon, ridden and trained by Pittman and representing Country Life Farm, was voted in a landslide as the horse best suited for dressage.

■ Hurricane Sandy pummeled the New Jersey shore and Monmouth Park management responded, acting as a rapid response center under the direction of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the State of New Jersey, and Red Cross. When the storm hit Oct. 29, no horses or humans were injured, but training was scrapped for the rest of the year. More than 1,400 utility trucks and approximately 3,000 workers from across the country were stationed at the track, and another 4,000 people rendered homeless from Sandy were housed in tents in the parking lot and grandstand.

Stallion Showing

At Maryland's Stymie Manor Farm in January 1973, farm manager Bill Albright leads a high-stepping Final Ruling for R. Richards Rolapp, the *Nasrullah stallion's syndicate manager. The horse originally stood at Jack Mobberly's Summer Hill Farm, but relocated for 1972 to Stymie Manor.

Walter M. "Skip" Ball was an award-winning staff photographer for *Maryland Horse* magazine for more than 20 years, from the mid-1960s to the late 1980s. His children donated his work to the Maryland Horse Breeders Association several years ago, and those photographs are now part of the Maryland Horse Library as the Skip Ball Collection. In the next stages of our ongoing archiving projects, these films and slides will be digitized to preserve this gifted photographer's legacy.

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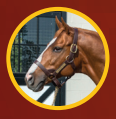

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